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Cousin EERIE was inundated with an incredible amount of mail protesting yet another reprint issue! Surprisingly, among all our furious fans, we found a number who loved the opportunity to see the collected work of one of the top illustrators in the world: Esteban Maroto! Maroto's medieval settings were a hit! W. R. Storob wonders if Warren Publishing can make sex palatable, and another of our fans demands more of the Young Master!



STAR WARRIOR! 5

Plutonia, colony of sin, murder and mayhem set in the outer reaches of the solar system. Far from any restraining authority, it is the crossroads of the underworld. High on its ramparts gather the criminal elite of the solar system. In its labyrinthine streets crowd the worst of the human species. To Plutonia Lamar Templeton had come to settle a score. He, like everyone else in Plutonia would seek the answer at the infamous Palace of Love!



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The crew was desperately hungry. The ship was a derelict, dead in space, light-years from the nearest star. The crew was days perhaps weeks and months from rescue. The food had run out weeks ago. They were reduced to eating their clothes. As their lives and hopes ebbed to wasted shadows, it all became a matter of great courage. Was it braver to withstand the awful pressure of hunger or was it braver to take the final awful step into cannibalism?

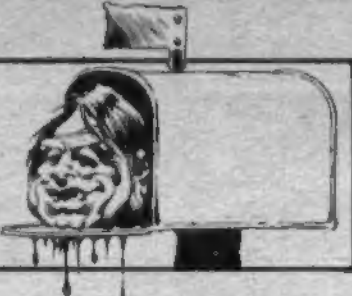


HAXTUR 49

"You look like a warrior, and that's just what I need!" So said the strange lady with the pet panther. With that Haxtur was swept into an epic struggle for the freedom of an oppressed people. The Aridlands, it seems, is swarming with evil as Haxtur is forced to fight the black maned leader of the Wolf people in an arena of death! It's fang and claw against a weaponless Haxtur as he attempts to save the world from the onslaught of the Wolfmen!

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DEAR COUSIN EERIE



I thought I would never see an entire issue of **EERIE** devoted to the exquisite art of **Esteban Maroto**. But now I finally have one to linger over. **Maroto** is a master of line, style and technique, unexcelled anywhere in the comics medium.

With unexcelled excellence, **Maroto** captured the horrifyingly grim mood of **Doug Moench's** script with his illustrations on **The Spook** story. He turned it into the highlight of the issue.

This was closely followed by another outstanding effort on **Bruce Jones'** amusing "Rusty Bucklers." **Maroto** always seems to be his best when rendering tales with medieval settings, chock-full of terrifying dragons and brave knights.

With "Enter: The Exterminator," he produced yet another collection of wonderfully inventive and horrific monsters set against his superb medieval backdrops. I also loved **Bill DuBay's** nice twist ending to **The Exterminators** tale.

Without question, the worst story in **EERIE #112** was "The Hollow of the Three Hills" by **Rich Margopoulos**. The script was murky, maudlin, and misdirected. It was obvious that **Maroto** wasn't very enthusiastic about the story either. His art here was definitely below his usual high standards.

However, even a so-so script can be saved by **Maroto's** art as was proven with "Fallen Angels," also scripted by **DuBay**! Once again, **Maroto** showed us that he is at home in his medieval fantasy land!

All in all, even though **EERIE #112** was a reprint, it afforded me the chance to linger lovingly over the collected works of my favorite artist.

JON WELLS
Jeb's Ford, Miss.

In **EERIE #112**, I liked "Enter: The Exterminator," best. I was immediately swept into fantasyland by gothic scenes full of mythic apparitions, armored knights and terrific looking damsels.

The anachronisms in the story were nicely handled as well. **Bill DuBay** tied up all the loose ends very professionally. I was also touched by **The Healer's** motivation, as well as the ambivalence of **The Exterminator**, in the last panel.

WALTER ROGER GORDON
Marine Park, N.Y.

I want more of the Young Master!
JOHNNY SCHUMATE
Elkton, Ky.

Bravo "Luana!" The curvaceous and very alluring jungle girl, as seen in **EERIE #112**, seems to be a prime candidate for the famous **Warren Bikini Brigade**. She should take her rightful place alongside such contemporary **Warren** femmes fatales as **VAMPIRELLA** and **Pantha** and such past vixens of the comics as **Fleur**, and the **Blood Red Queen of Hearts** as a recurring star in the pages of **EERIE** magazine!

Let's see more of **Luana** and other curvaceous cuties cavorting through the most progressive magazines in all comicdom.

DAVID BELLOWH
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Warren Publishing certainly seems to be shaping up, doesn't it? **EERIE #112** presented us with an all **Esteban Maroto** special!

Unlike the rest of the issue, the **Ken Kelly** cover was not a reprint. And it was the first cover in ages that had actually had something to do with the stories featured! **Kelly's** cover also would have made an ideal movie poster for the recent motion picture **Dawn of the Dead**!

The lead-off story, "Stridespider Sponge-Rot," featuring **The Spook**, had a good title and a good **Doug Moench** script going for it. One of the many pleasurable details about the art was the panel in which one of the gravestones was engraved with "Uncle Creepy, died 1970!" Amusing! It is amusing details like this that helps make **EERIE** so entertaining!

"Luana" and "Rusty Buckler," were two very entertaining stories as well! But "Hollow of the Three Hills," a tale by **Rich Margopoulos**, was even better. The story that was far and away the best of the issue however, was **Bill DuBay's** "Fallen Angels!"

NAPOLEON ZIVKOVIC
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Dear Cousin Eerie,

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Congratulations on the best **Ken Kelly** cover painting that I've seen on a **Warren** magazine in ten years! **Ken Kelly's** art was the perfect introduction to the featured inside story, "The Spook." I am impressed that **Warren Publishing** would have commissioned a new cover for a reprinted story. The new **Kelly** art made the entire issue worth while!

On the subject of reprints, I think **Warren** has been too liberal in recent months with its dives into the vaults of time. Please stop unearthing all of these moldy old stories and give us more original material.

S. SOUTHCAT-PARKINSON
Oleander, OHIO

May I be so bold as to inquire as to why there has been a veritable superfluity of **Warren** reprints lately? I know that it is almost time for the annual deluge of summer reprint magazines. But is this, perchance, coming several months early?

T.K. SMITH
Portland, Ore.

The copy on the cover of **EERIE #112**, "Super Special Collector's Classics," simply cannot do justice to the material inside the magazine itself. This is especially true at a time when exploitation has rendered such terms hollow.

The issue, featuring the art of **Esteban Maroto**, proved to be an excellent showcase for an important and respected illustrator. This is not to imply that **Maroto** is any more respected or important than any other **Warren** illustrator. However, such an issue allows readers the opportunity to see their favorite artist handling a variety of subjects in imaginative ways. **Maroto's** delicacy of line is a hallmark of his style.

I especially liked the stories with medieval settings in **EERIE #112**. Ancient yet beautiful architecture and costuming have always interested me. And, I have always enjoyed **Maroto's** work, though, at times it has been a bit sketchy and impressionistic.

One thing that does bother me somewhat, is the overabundance of nudity in the issue. It's not that I don't enjoy undraped women. They're great! Someday, I may even marry one! However, I am of the opinion that good stories can stand on their own without the R or X rated material. At least **Warren** makes sex palatable.

I feel that **EERIE #112** is destined to become something more than a mere collector's item. In the years to come, some aspiring visual storyteller will hopefully derive inspiration from this issue. She or he will have a little textbook on how to illustrate by one of the best artists in the world today: **Esteban Maroto**!

W.R. STOROH
Brooklyn, N.Y.

SOFT AND SILENT AS A SNOWFLAKE,
THE BULLETCAR DRIFTED **DOWN**
INTO THE DESERTED PLUTONIAN
COURTYARD....!

EX-MAJOR LAMAR TEMPLE-
TON HOPPED NIMBLY FROM
THE SHUTTLESIP ONTO THE
COBBLESTONED SQUARE. THE
FINAL STAGE OF HIS SEVEN-
YEAR **QUEST** HAD BEGUN!

BUT THERE WERE THOSE **WAITING**
FOR THE EX-STAR COMMANDO!

SO FAR, SO
GOOD... I'M INSIDE
THE PLUTONIAN
DEFENSE PERI-
METER.

**HALT,
MAJOR!**

STAR WARRIOR!

YOU NEED
OFFICIAL **CLEARANCE**
TO BE IN THIS CITY AT
THIS HOUR, MAJOR
TEMPLETON.

IF YOU KNOW WHO
I **AM**, THEN YOU ALSO KNOW
I DON'T **HAVE** THAT
CLEARANCE!

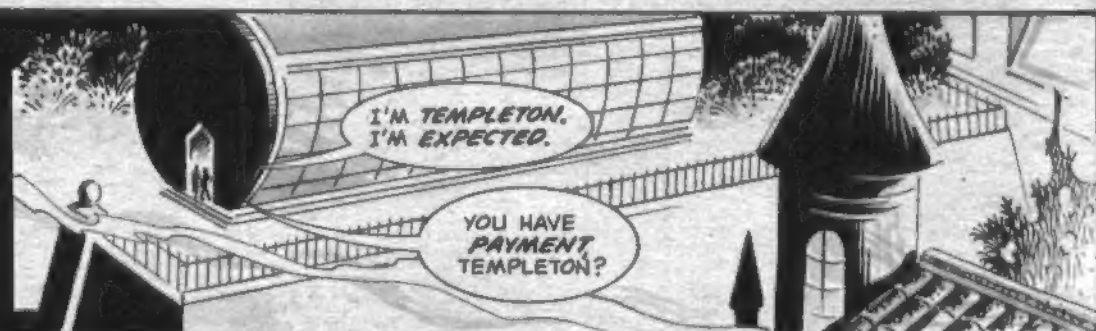
OH, **THAT'S**
TOO BAD, MAJOR!
LAW-BREAKERS ARE
PUT TO **DEATH!**

REALLY, NOW... YOU
CAN'T KILL **ME!** I MIGHT
GET ANGRY AND BLOW UP
YOUR ENTIRE **COLONY!**

LOOK OUT!
HE'S GOT A **PHOTON**
BLASTER!



PUZZLED BUT RELIEVED THAT NO BLOOD HAD BEEN SHED, LAMAR SLIPPED WRAITH-LIKE THROUGH THE NARROW STREETS. HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT TO KEEP, ONE WHICH HAD TAKEN SEVEN LONG AND TORTUOUS YEARS TO ARRANGE!





IT'S COST ME A SMALL FORTUNE TO GET THIS FAR. BUT IF THE BRAIN CAN ANSWER MY QUESTION IT'LL BE WORTH EVERY CENT OF IT!

BRAIN!? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I WANT TO LOCATE A MAN NAMED PETER STRICKLAND. AGE 40. NATIVE-BORN PLUTONIAN.

YES.



"AS YOU'RE AWARE, MAJOR, MY MEMORY UNITS CONTAIN DATA ON ALL CITIZENS OF PLUTONIA. PETER STRICKLAND FIRST CAME TO MY ATTENTION AT THE AGE OF TWELVE. AS AN ALTARBOY IN THE FIRST CHURCH OF LUCIFER, REDEEMER, THE PIOUS YOUTH, IMITATING HIS ELDERS, SACRIFICED THE YOUNG DAUGHTER OF A SCULLERY MAID ON THE ALTAR OF THE EMPTY CHAPEL!"

"WHILE IN HIS TEENS PETER DEMONSTRATED UNUSUAL ZEAL IN THE JUNIOR INFORMERS. THIS LED TO HIS RECRUITMENT BY THE DIRECTORATE OF ASSASSINS! HIS MOST IMPORTANT SERVICE TO HIS GOVERNMENT WAS THE REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS DISSIDENTS."

"AFTER THE CIVIL UPRISINGS OF '08, STRICKLAND RESIGNED FROM HIS DUTIES AND RETURNED TO PLUTONIA TO ENTER PRIVATE PRACTICE. HE WENT TO WORK FOR BOSS USHIRA. HIS OFFICIAL TITLE: EXPEDITOR!"

THE RECORD-KEEPERS OF THE BUREAUCRACY LIST STRICKLAND AS DECEASED. MY DATA LEADS TO A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION.



LATER, STRICKLAND HAD A FALLING-OUT WITH HIS BOSS. USHIRA DISPATCHED TWO ASSASSINS, BUT--!

HE'S ALIVE THEN!? WHERE?

IN THE BARRENS THERE IS AN ESTABLISHMENT KNOWN AS SENSORIUM! THE OWNER IS ONE KARLA VARS! SHE CAN TELL YOU ABOUT STRICKLAND!

NEGATIVE. I MUST END COMMUNICATION. THERE IS DANGER!

DANGER? WHA--?

STRICKLAND VANISHED. SO DID THE ASSASSINS! MY QUESTION IS, IS STRICKLAND ALIVE? IF SO, WHERE?

TELL ME? TELL ME WHAT? PLEASE, BRAIN... I'VE GOT TO KNOW!



THE BIO-GENETIC INFORMATION BRAIN SLOWLY CLOSED ITS EYES... AND A SIDE DOOR TO THE CHAMBER **BURST** OPEN. A SQUAD OF FIVE ARMED MEN RACED INTO THE HALL. LAMAR RECOGNIZED THEM **INSTANTLY- EXTERMINATORS!**

THEY'D BEEN SENT THERE TO KILL **HIM!**



THE ASSASSINATION SQUAD **MELTED** LIKE BURNING PLASTIC.

YET, THE MAJOR'S COMMANDO INSTINCTS TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS **NOT** OUT OF DANGER YET! RACING OUTSIDE, HE SAW THE **BACKUP** SQUAD WAITING IN THE PLUTONIAN DARKNESS.

WORSE... **THEY SAW HIM!**





I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE! THE SOUND WAS ENOUGH TO WAKE THE WHOLE COLONY!



LUCKILY THE BULLETCAR'S NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE!

BEFORE LAMAR COULD RUN ANOTHER DOZEN STEPS, THE WORLD EXPLODED UPON HIM!



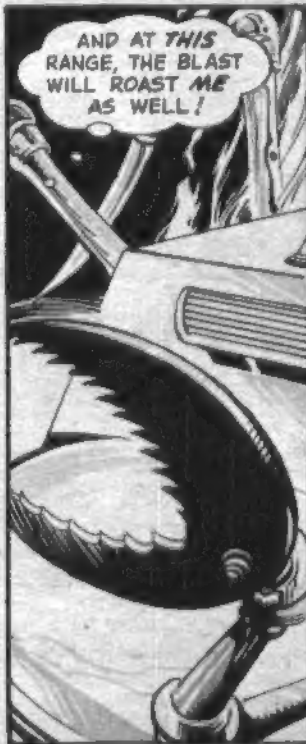
OH GOD! THE EXECUTIONERS HAD A SECOND BACKUP!

THEY HAD THIS ROBOT MAN-KILLER WAITING FOR ME!



THOOM!

IT'S A MURDER MACHINE! NOTHING LESS THAN A FULL PHOTON BLAST WILL STOP IT!



AND AT THIS RANGE, THE BLAST WILL ROAST ME AS WELL!



OH JEEZUS! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP IT! THAT STONE TEMPLE...!

THAK!



BYE BYE, MANKILLER!



CAN YOU BEAT THAT?
BURIED UNDER TONS OF
ROCK... AND STILL IT'S
THRASHING ABOUT TRY-
ING TO GET TO ME!

SUDDENLY, THERE WERE MORE VOICES
BEHIND HIM. LAMAR WHIRLED, AND
THREE BULLETS WHIZZED PAST HIS FACE!

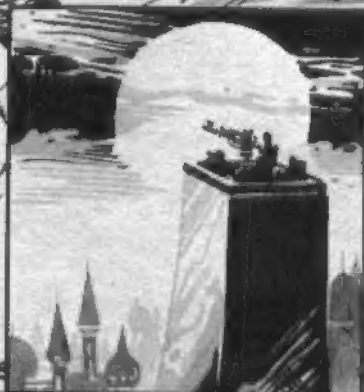
THAKOW! DOW!

THERE IS THE
LAWBREAKER!
HALT HIM!

HE FELT A SENSE OF RELIEF
WHEN HE SAW THE UNIFORMS.
POLICE. THE LOCAL GESTAPO.
THEY, AT LEAST, WERE NOT PRO-
FESSIONAL KILLERS!

DOW!
KA-DOW!
TH-POW!

IT WOULD BE EASY EVADING THEM WITHOUT
MORE SENSELESS BLOODSHED!



BUT WHAT OF THE ASSASSINS?
THEIR DEATHS HAD BEEN TOO
EASY! LAMAR KNEW THAT
THEY WOULD NOT SO COM-
PLETELY UNDERESTIMATE
AN EX-COMMANDO... OR
HIS WEAPONRY. NOR WOULD
HE UNDERESTIMATE THEM!



HE KNEW THERE WOULD
BE A FINAL TRAP OUT
THERE. SOMEWHERE.

HE
COMES!
BEHIND
US!

RE-
VERSE
THE
GUN!
HURRY!

OH
JEEZUS!
WE'RE
DEAD
MEAT!



THAKOW!



FLAMES LAPPED AT HIS SHUTTLE CAR. THE
SICKENING STENCH OF CHARRED, BLACKENED
HUMAN FLESH STUNG HIS SENSES, BUT THE
LAST TRAP OF THE EXECUTIONERS WAS
BEHIND HIM!

A FEW DAYS LATER, LAMAR RETURNED TO THE PLUTONIAN COLONY, HIS DESTINATION THIS TIME WAS NOT THE CITY ITSELF... BUT A RUBBLE-STREWN AREA OUTSIDE THE CITY, THE DE-MILITARIZED ZONE ALONG THE EASTERN BORDER.

I'VE GOT TO GET TO STRICKLAND, BUT I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO WITH THE ASSASSINS AFTER MY TAIL!

I'M GOING TO NEED HELP! THE ONLY ONE I CAN TRUST IS... QUADE!

IF HE HASN'T CHANGED IN THE YEARS SINCE I'VE LAST SEEN HIM... I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND HIM HERE!

UH OH! SOMEBODY'S COMING! BETTER GET OUT OF SIGHT!

RUN! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!!

YOU CAN'T RUN IN THAT DRESS! LET ME HELP YOU!

THEY WERE THE SOUNDS OF SCREAMS AND OF FEET... RUNNING... PANICKING! LAMAR DUCKED INTO A DOORWAY NOT KNOWING WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT!

THEY'VE GONE OUT OF CONTROL! RUN!!

NO! THERE'S NO TIME!

THEY... THEY'VE GONE MAD! THEY'RE KILLING PEOPLE!

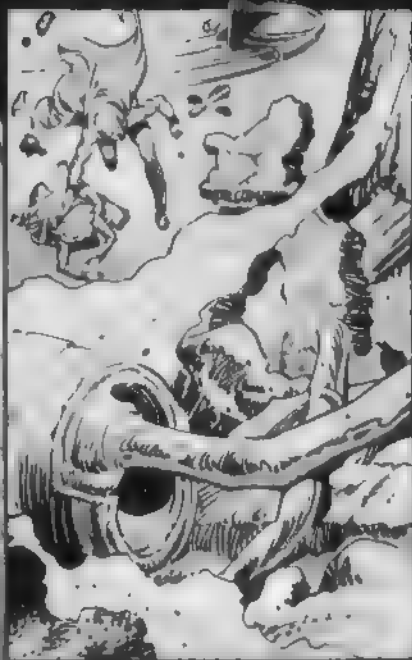
WHO'S KILLING PEOPLE?



THEM!
THE WAR-
CARS!

THEY ACTED
LIKE THEY DIDN'T
EVEN SEE US!

LAMAR COULD SEE THEM COMING,
THE POWERFUL AEROCARS! HE
PULLED THE GIRL FROM THE
RUBBLE AS THE SPEEDING
BEETLE-LIKE VEHICLE SMASHED
THROUGH THE VERY SPOT WHERE
THEY HAD STOOD!

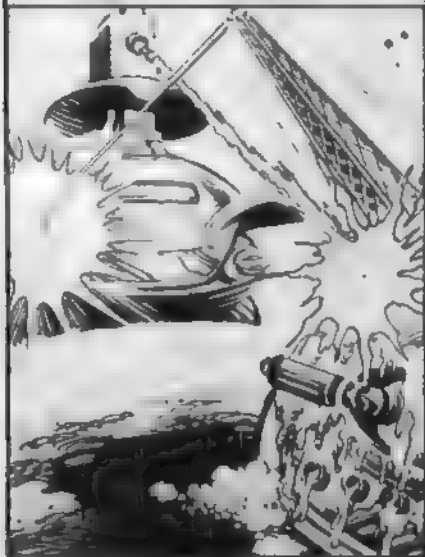


FASCINATED,
LAMAR WATCHED
THE THUNDEROUS
AERIAL COMBAT.



THE COBRA SPAT,
A STREAM OF
INFERNO, IGNIT-
ING A WHITE-HOT
HELL WHEREVER
IT SPLASHED.

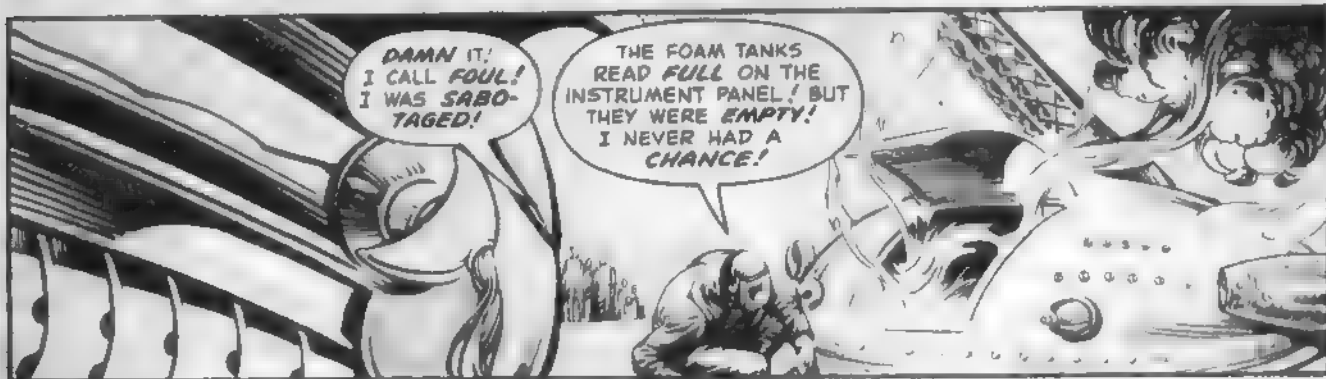
THE BEETLE RESPONDED BY PUMP-
ING A SLUDGLIKE CHEMICAL FOAM
THAT EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES
AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOT FORTH
A WIDE-BEAM LASER ARC THAT
TORE AT ITS OPPONENT.



BUT LAMAR SAW THAT THE BATTLE
WAS ALMOST OVER FOR THE
BEETLE-SHAPED CRAFT!



THE BEETLE'S
OUT OF FOAM.
HE'S DEAD!





I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, BOLINO! I SWEAR IT!

HA HA HA! YOU DO THAT, QUADE. YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME.

I'LL BE TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN YOUR FORMER HOME... FAMILIARIZING MYSELF THOROUGHLY WITH YOUR FORMER WOMEN!

YEAH!? AND YOU CAN'T GUARANTEE A FAIR SHOW, EITHER, FLY BOY! I LOST A THOUSAND CREDITS!

WAIT A MINUTE NOW! I LOST EVERYTHING!

QUADE ANGRILY TURNED AWAY... THE LOSER FACING HIS PUBLIC, ONE BLANCE AND HE QUICKLY UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS TROUBLES WERE OVER NOW!

YOU! YOU ALMOST KILLED US!

HEY! DON'T BLAME ME! NO ONE CAN GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF BYSTANDERS AT A DUEL!



LIKE HELL YOU DID!



THAKOO!

BACK OFF, YOU IDIOTS!

I KNOW QUADE! HE'D NEVER THROW A DUEL!



BAWOW!

NO!? BUT HE STILL TRIED TO KILL US ALL!



TOUCH HIM AND I'LL KILL YOU ALL!

L-LOOK OUT! HE'S GOT A PHOTON BLASTER!



HELLO, MAJOR! STILL PLAYING COMMANDO, EH?!

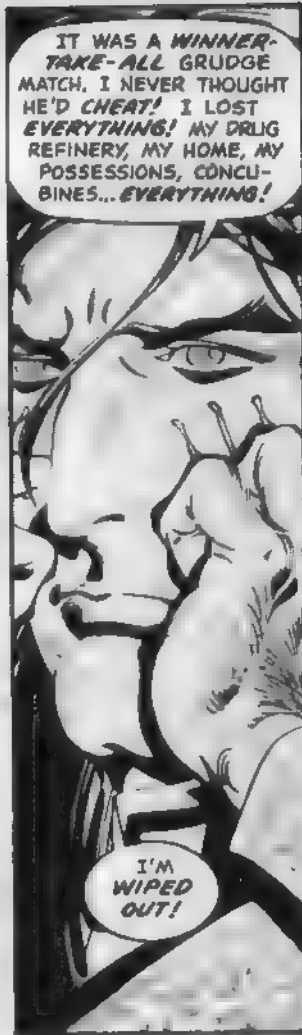
SOMEONE'S GOT TO PROTECT YOU FROM YOUR LOYAL PUBLIC!



THIS JUST DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOUR DAY, QUADE.

I WAS FOULED, BOLINO TAMPERED WITH MY FOAM TANKS AND GAUGES.

TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T DO IT TO HIM FIRST.



IT WAS A WINNER-TAKE-ALL GRUDGE MATCH. I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D CHEAT! I LOST EVERYTHING! MY DRUG REFINERY, MY HOME, MY POSSESSIONS, CONCLUSIONS... EVERYTHING!

I'M WIPED OUT!



YOUR BAD LUCK IS MY GOOD FORTUNE. I NEED A MAN FOR A SPECIAL JOB.

NO WAY, MAJOR. I'VE GOT BUSINESS OF MY OWN TO TAKE CARE OF, AND IT WON'T WAIT.



OF ALL THE UN-GRATEFUL--!

QUADE AND I GO BACK A LONG WAYS. HE'S HOT-HEADED BUT HE'S RIGHT! HE'S GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE. I'M GOING WITH HIM!

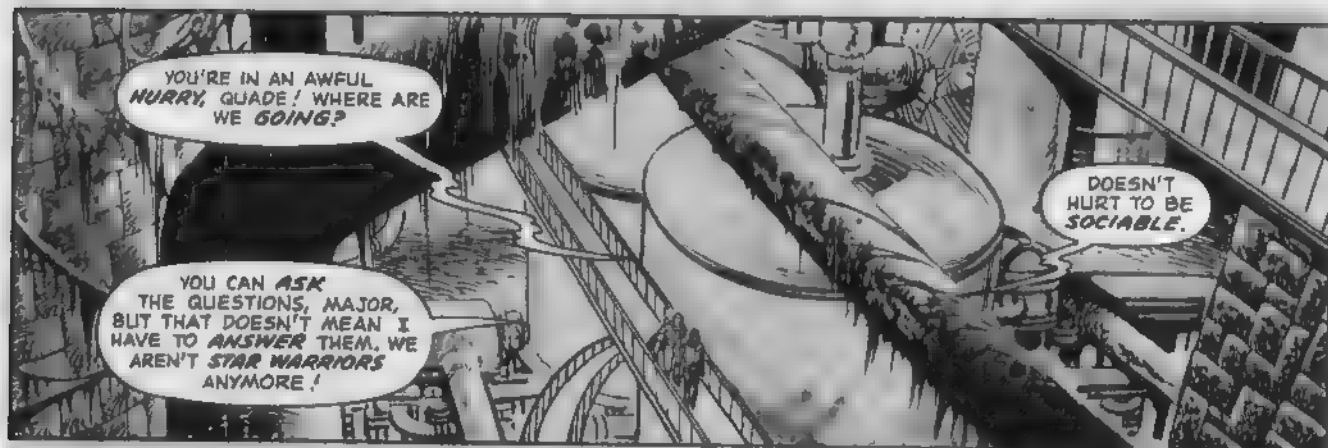


AT LEAST LET ME THANK YOU, MAJOR... FOR SAVING MY LIFE.



IF YOU EVER GET BY THIS WAY AGAIN, LOOK ME UP...

...AND MAYBE I CAN THANK YOU MORE PROPERLY!



YOU'RE IN AN AWFUL HURRY, QUADE! WHERE ARE WE GOING?

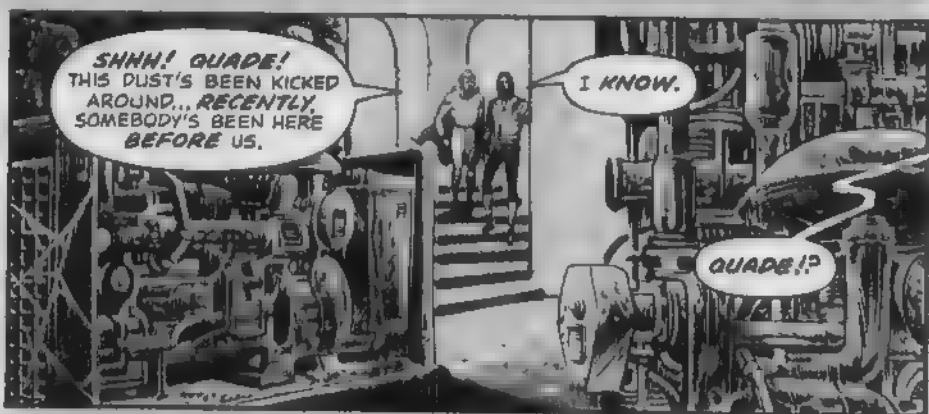
DOESN'T HURT TO BE SOCIABLE.

YOU CAN ASK THE QUESTIONS, MAJOR, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO ANSWER THEM. WE AREN'T STAR WARRIORS ANYMORE!



WHY DON'T YOU STOP FOLLOWING ME? I TOLD YOU I'M NOT GOING TO ~~STAY~~ FOR YOU AGAIN!

I HEARD YOU. NO LAW SAYS I CAN'T WALK ALONGS WITH YOU! YOU JUST MIGHT NEED MY COMPANY!



SHHH! QUADE! THIS DUST'S BEEN KICKED AROUND... RECENTLY. SOMEBODY'S BEEN HERE BEFORE US.

I KNOW.

QUADE!?



INGRID!

I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO YOU!

I'M ALL RIGHT. BUT... BOLINO WON!

OH NO!

ER... I HATE TO INTERRUPT, BUT--!

IT COULD BE A TRAP! A LOT OF UNHAPPY PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO GET AROUND OF ME RIGHT ABOUT NOW!

SORRY, MAJOR! THIS IS INGRID UHL. SHE'S A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND OF MINE!

TIME FOR SOCIALIZING LATER, QUADE. BEFORE YOU ARRIVED, SOMEONE WAS MOVING AROUND UP THERE ON THE CATWALKS.

THERE'S A FEW WHO'RE AFTER MY HIDE AS WELL, QUADE!



WE'D BETTER GET AWAY FROM HERE. QUICKLY!

ONE MOMENT PLEASE, GENTLE MEN!



STEP ASIDE, MISTER. MY FRIEND HERE'S GOT A PHOTON-BLASTER THAT'LL MELT YOU AND YOUR BULLY BOYS WHERE YOU STAND!

SO HE DOES AND I CAN SEE THAT HE'S EVER SO ANXIOUS TO USE IT! HA-HA! HE MUST REALIZE THAT MANY OF THESE STORAGE TANKS WERE NEVER DRAINED!

EVEN IF HE DID NOT HIT ONE DIRECTLY, THE CONCUSSION FROM HIS BLASTER WOULD SURELY DETONATE THE CONTENTS!

THE RESULTS WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR US ALL!

YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT, FELLA! WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US?



I AM YAGGA, DULY LICENSED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS TONG-SUN COLLECTION AGENCY. WHAT I WANT IS MISS UHL!



SORRY, SHE DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU!

SHE BELONGS TO OUR CLIENT...MR. BOLINO!



NO WAY! INGRID WASN'T INCLUDED IN THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT!

MR. BOLINO INSISTS OTHERWISE!



YOU'LL TAKE HER OVER MY DEAD BODY!

AN INTERESTING IF SOMEWHAT FRIVOLOUS SUGGESTION. IT IS UNIVERSALLY KNOWN THAT TONG-SUNS ALWAYS COMPLETE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.



I HAVE TWO OPTIONS! I CAN RETURN WITH MISS UHL...OR MR. QUADE'S HEAD!



COME, NOW, YAGGA! YOU LOOK LIKE A REASONABLE MAN! IS THIS TRULY A MATTER OVER WHICH WARRIORS LIKE OURSELVES SHOULD NEEDLESSLY DIE!

I THINK I KNOW HOW TO SATISFY THIS DISPUTE TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH PARTIES.





THE OPPONENTS CIRCLED ONE ANOTHER WARILY, EACH SIZING UP THE OTHER'S STANCE AND AGILITY. SUDDENLY WITHOUT A FLICKER OF EMOTION, YAGGA UNLEASHED A DEVASTATING KICK!

LAMAR FOLLOWED HIS CRUSHING LUNGE WITH AN OLD-FASHIONED LEFT CROSS! BUT YAGGA'S EXPERTLY MANAGED TO DEFLECT THE BLOW!



BUT I'D SAY YOU'RE A LITTLE... SLOW!

OooooF!

NICE TRY, NINJA!

NO, MAJOR! IT IS YOU WHO ARE SLOW!

EACH MAN PANTED HOARSELY AS BLOW AFTER BLOW WAS THROWN. THE ANTAGONISTS CIRCLED, ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED AT BEING SO EVENLY MATCHED!

COME, MAJOR! LET US END THIS!



THEN... LAMAR STRUCK... WITH THE FULL CRUSHING FORCE OF A SOLID... JUST IN FRONT!



AS YOU SAY, YAGGA... LET'S FINISH IT!

N-N-O-O-O-O-O!



KRAK!



N-N-O-M-O-R-E...! P-P-L-E-A-S-E... NO MORE!





WAIT,
DON'T THROW
YOUR LIFE AWAY OVER
ONE SUCH AS MAGGA!
THAT WOULD BE
A TRUE SIN!

MAYBE I
CAN HELP YOU
YET REGAIN YOUR
SELF RESPECT!

I'M THROWING
A LITTLE OLD-
FASHIONED WAR-
PARTY! HOW'D YOU
LIKE TO JOIN
ME.



A WAR
PARTY? YOU
WISH US TO
DO BATTLE
FOR YOU,
MAJOR?

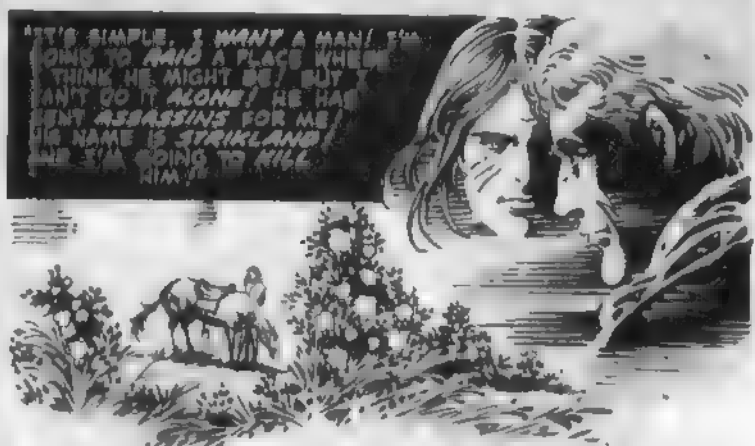
THE CAUSE IS
JUST! AND WE WILL
FIGHT TOGETHER!



THEN WE
MUST ACCEPT!

WHAT ABOUT
YOU, QUADE? FOR
OLD TIME'S
SAKE?

A WAR
PARTY, HUH?
THAT'S A DANGER-
OUS GAME, MAJOR.
I'D LIKE TO KNOW
WHAT IT'S ALL
ABOUT BEFORE
I COMMIT
MYSELF.



IT'S SIMPLE. I WANT A MAN! I'M
GOING TO FIND A PLACE WHERE
I THINK HE MIGHT BE! BUT I
CAN'T DO IT ALONE! HE HAS
SENT ASSASSINS FOR ME!
HIS NAME IS STRIKLAND!
AND I'M GOING TO KILL
HIM!



"I KNOW YOU, MAJOR!
WE FOUGHT TOGETHER
IN THE SATURNIAN
WARS! WE'VE KILLED
TOGETHER! THIS IS
OVER A WOMAN, ISN'T
IT?"



WHETHER
IT IS OR
NOT IS OF
NO CON-
CERN TO
YOU,
QUADE!

HEY! DON'T
GET SO TESTY!
I'M IN!



YOU MEAN WE'RE IN.
I'M GOING WITH YOU.



GOOD! I'M GOING
TO NEED ALL THE HELP
I CAN GET!

THE FIRE BURNED BRIGHTLY WARNING THE BORDER GUARDS PATROLLING THE CHILL PLUTONIAN CITY. AS CONSUMED WERE THEY BY THE WARMTH THAT THEY DID NOT FEEL THE MALEVOLENT EYES STARING AT THEM FROM THE DARKNESS!

BAD LUCK! IT'S A BORDER PATROL OF IRREGULARS! WE'LL HAVE TO CROSS INTO THE COLONY FARTHER UP THE LINE!

WE'LL CROSS HERE! I COULD SIZZLE THEM ALL WITH ONE SHOT! BUT THAT WOULD BE NOISY!

THIS IS A JOB FOR INGRID!

HEY! THERE'S SOMEBODY OUT THERE!

HELLO, BOYS!

JEEZUS! IT'S... IT'S A GIRL!

CAREFUL, MEN! SHE'S FROM THE OUTLANDS! SHE COULD BE A SPY!

SEARCH ME? SORRY BOYS! YOU WON'T BE AWAKE LONG ENOUGH FOR THAT!

MAYBE WE'D BETTER SEARCH HER FOR HIDDEN WEAPONS!

EVEN AS SHE SPOKE, A THICK MIST WAFTED FROM INGRID'S BACK, FROM THE HIDDEN CANNISTERS OF SLEEPING GAS TIED SECURELY AROUND HER WAIST.

IN SECONDS THE BORDER GUARDS WERE AT HER FEET, WARNING LOUDLY!

FANTASTIC, LOVE! YOU GOT EVERY ONE OF THEM!

I ALMOST PUT MYSELF TO SLEEP TOO! THESE NOSE FILTERS YOU GAVE ME FOR PROTECTION MUST BE ANCIENT!

BUT COMPLAINING! WE'RE IN AND WE HAVEN'T FIRED A SHOT!



ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS TAKE THEIR MOTLEY UNIFORMS!



WITH THESE RAGS WE CAN GO ANYWHERE IN THE COLONY... WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED!



THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE, NINJA! WHERE WE'RE GOING THERE *WILL* BE QUESTIONS. THIS PLUTONIAN CLOTHING WILL JUST MAKE OUR ~~INTENT~~ A LITTLE MORE ACCEPTABLE!



JUST WHAT *IS* OUR TARGET, MAJOR! DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU TOLD US?

IT'S A SENSORIUM QUADE. A PLEASURE DOME...

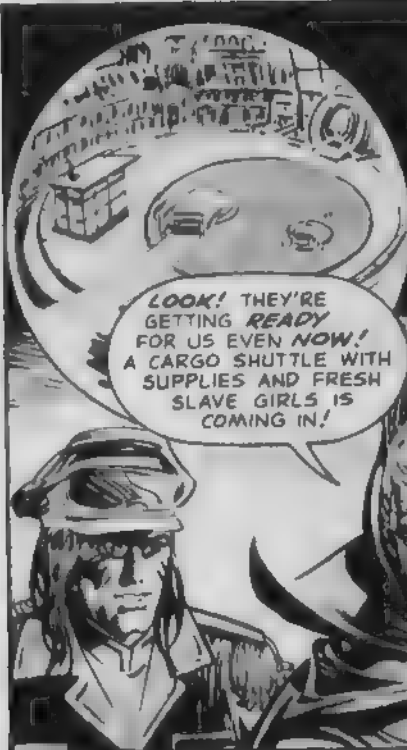


AND IT'S LOCATED AMIDST THOSE OLD RUINS!

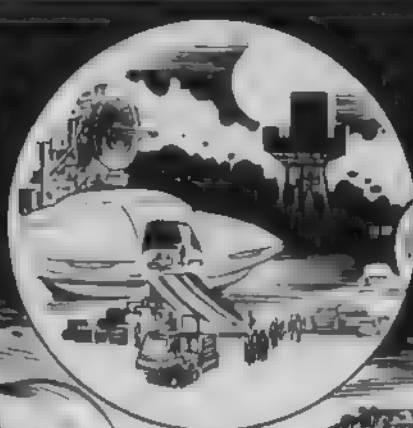
A SEN-SORIUM!? YOU'RE A FOOL, TEMPLETON! THOSE PLEASURE PLACES ARE OUTLAWED! THEY'RE MORE HEAVILY GUARDED THAN A COM-MANDO BASE!

THAT'S A FACT, QUADE. BUT WE'RE GOING IN AS A GROUP OF WEARY BORDER GUARDS LOOKING FOR A LITTLE FUN!

THOSE DRUG AND SEX HAVENS COULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT "CLIENTELE" SUCH AS WE'RE GOING TO PRETEND TO BE!



LOOK! THEY'RE GETTING READY FOR US EVEN NOW! A CARGO SHUTTLE WITH SUPPLIES AND FRESH SLAVE GIRLS IS COMING IN!



AND...UH OH! THERE'S REAL TROUBLE! THEY HAVE A METAL MAN-KILLER PATROLLING THE PERIMETER!



ALL I CAN SAY, MAJOR, IS... I HOPE IT'S WORTH IT!



IT IS, INGRID! AND SINCE YOU'RE RISKING YOU'RE LIFE, YOU AND THE OTHERS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

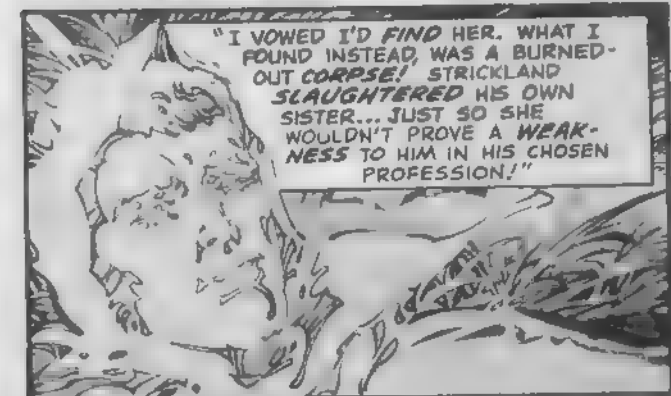


"IT...IT STARTED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO! I WAS A STUDENT AT THE COLLEGE OF PHOBIAN SCIENCES! I MET AND FELL IN LOVE WITH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL EVER TO BE BORN ON THE MARTIAN COLONY. HER NAME WAS SUSAN STRICKLAND..."

"...THE SISTER OF THE MAN I'VE COME HERE TO KILL!"



"WE WERE TO BE WED! BUT STRICKLAND WOULD NOT HAVE IT! HE WAS AN ASSASSIN! HE WANTED NO FAMILY TIES! HE TOOK SUSAN AND HID HER AWAY... GOD ONLY KNOWS WHERE! I NEVER SAW HER AGAIN!"



"I VOWED I'D FIND HER. WHAT I FOUND INSTEAD WAS A BURNED-OUT CORPSE! STRICKLAND SLAUGHTERED HIS OWN SISTER... JUST SO SHE WOULDN'T PROVE A WEAKNESS TO HIM IN HIS CHOSEN PROFESSION!"



I LEARNED TO HATE! AND I LEARNED TO KILL...WHICH IS WHY I BECAME A COMMANDO... A STAR WARRIOR!

AND EVER SINCE I LEFT THE SERVICE, SEVEN YEARS AGO, I HAVE HUNTED STRICKLAND! NOW, HE IS WITHIN MY GRASP!

I .I'M SORRY
LAMAR YOU MUST HAVE
LOVED HER VERY
MUCH!

I'VE GROWN TO
HATE PETER STRICK-
LAND MORE!

SO NOW WE KNOW WHY WE'RE
ABOUT TO DIE. AS YOU PROMISED,
IT'S A WORTHY CAUSE, MAJOR

I WAS HOPING
YOU'D THINK SO. COME
ON! I'VE WAITED A LONG
TIME FOR THIS! YOU ALL
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO DO!

ACCORDING TO PLAN, INGRID AND GUARD LOCATED
A VIDEO-PHONE UNIT FAR FROM THE SENSORIUM...

THIS IS THE
PART I'M GOING
TO ENJOY!

HELLO,
BOLINO!

QUADE! YOU
HAVE SOMETHING
THAT BELONGS TO
ME, MY FRIEND.

YOU MISUNDERSTAND!
I WAS REFERRING TO YOUR
HEAD.

IF YOU WANT ME,
BOLINO, I'LL BE AT
KARLA VARS'S SENSORIUM
...WAITING FOR YOU! WE
SHOULD FINISH THIS ONCE
AND FOR ALL!

I AGREE,
QUADE. I'M ANXIOUS
TO HAVE YOUR HEAD
DIPPED IN FIBRE-PLASS
AND MOUNTED ABOVE
YOUR OLD MANTEL.

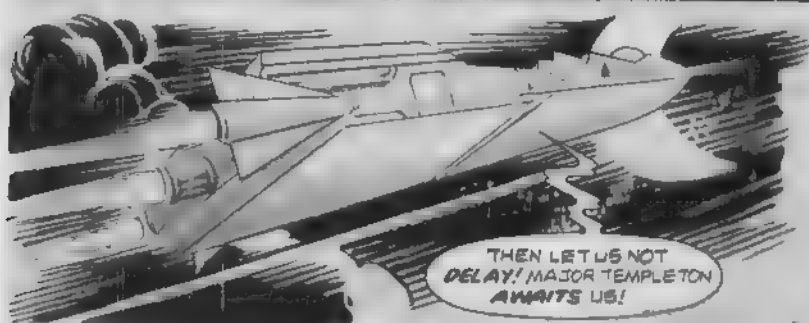
AS YOU CAN
SEE, SHE'S HERE
WITH ME RIGHT NOW!

YOU CAN TRY YOUR LUCK
TONIGHT, BOLINO! BUT IT'S YOUR
GREASY CARCASS THAT WILL BE
ROTTING WHEN WE'RE
THROUGH!

DO YOU
THINK HE'LL
COME, QUADE?

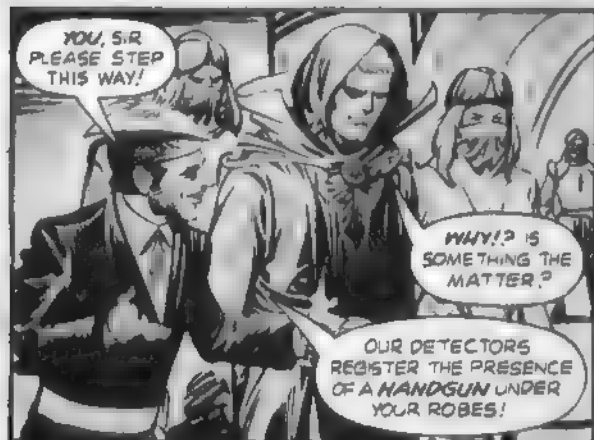
HE'S
SUFFICIENTLY
ENRAGED FOR
THE MAJOR'S
PURPOSES. HE'LL
BE HERE!

KAPOW
SKOWW!



THE AIR-TAXI HOVERED LIGHTLY ABOVE THE SENSORIUM LANDING PAD. ONE MINUTE LATER, THE DOOR POPPED OPEN AND A GROUP OF PLAYERS STEPPED INTO THE NIGHT! AMONG THEM WAS MAJOR LAMAR TEMPLETON!





YOU, SIR, PLEASE STEP THIS WAY!

WHY? IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

OUR DETECTORS REGISTER THE PRESENCE OF A HANDGUN UNDER YOUR ROBES!



THIS MUST BE YOUR FIRST VISIT SIR. OTHERWISE YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO TAKE WEAPONS INTO THE SENSORIUM, HOUSE RULES.

YES, THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT!

WOULD YOU BE SO GOOD AS TO TELL ME WHO REFERRED US TO YOU?

ACTUALLY, SEVERAL PERSONS

THEIR NAMES?

THE STAR HARRIER HAS CORNERED! HE KNEW THAT IF HE DID NOT RESPOND WITH NAMES RECOGNIZABLE TO THE SENSORIUM STAFF, THAT HE WAS DEAD MEAT! EASILY... SALVATION LOOKED IN THE NIGHT SKY!



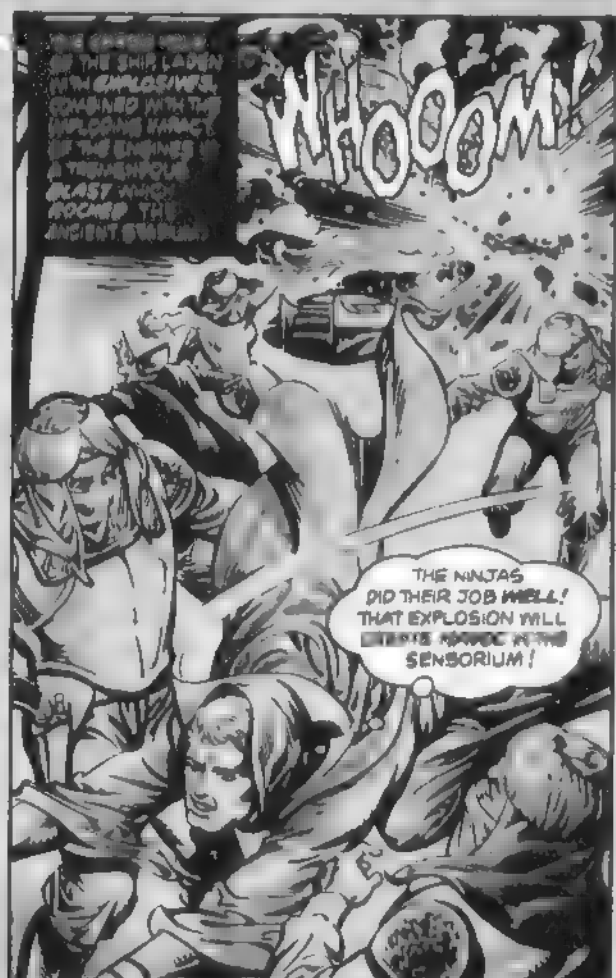
LOOK! UP IN THE SKY! THAT, THAT WARSHIP...!

IT'S GOING TO CRASH!



THE FOOL! HE'S JETTISONING HIS POWER THRUSTERS!

WE'LL ALL BE KILLED! RUN!



WHOOOM!

THE NINTAS DID THEIR JOB WELL! THAT EXPLOSION WILL ERASE HIS POWER IN THE SENSORIUM!



I'LL BE ABLE TO GET TO KARLA WARS! WITHOUT HER GUARDS HANGING ALL OVER ME.



YOU! WHAT IS GOING ON OUT THERE? TELL US!

OH GOD! IT'S HORRIBLE... HORRIBLE!

YET THE DIVERSARY EXPLOSION WAS NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS LAMAR WOULD HAVE HOPED. DEEP UNDERGROUND, WHERE THE VAST THEATRONIUM COMEALY STRETCHED BEFORE HIM, THE SHOCK WAVES WERE LARGELY HEARD...

DAMN IT! THERE'S A FEW FRIGHTENED RABBITS ...BUT FOR THE MOST PART, EVERYBODY'S STILL ENJOYING THEMSELVES

AND I CAN'T SAY THAT I BLAME THEM! THIS PLACE IS FANTASTIC!

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NOW THAT I'M FREE OF THOSE SMELLY ROBES, I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO CREATE A LITTLE HAND OF MY OWN!

SKOW!

ANY TRICKS
FRIEND, AND YOU'LL HAVE THE
UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF LOOKING
AT YOUR OWN BEATING HEART
BEFORE YOU DIE!

N-NO
TRICKS I...I
SWEAR!

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UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF LOOKING
AT YOUR OWN BEATING HEART
BEFORE YOU DIE!

N-NO
TRICKS I...I
SWEAR!

I... I DIDN'T!
PLEASE! THE... THE
GUARDS... THEY'RE
EVERYWHERE!

STOP!

SO I SEE!
WHAT THE HELL IS
GOING ON IN HERE
ANYWAY?

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NOW... KARLA
VARS! WHERE

H-HERE!
THESE ARE
HER QUARTERS!

F THIS IS A
TRAP...!

ON MY
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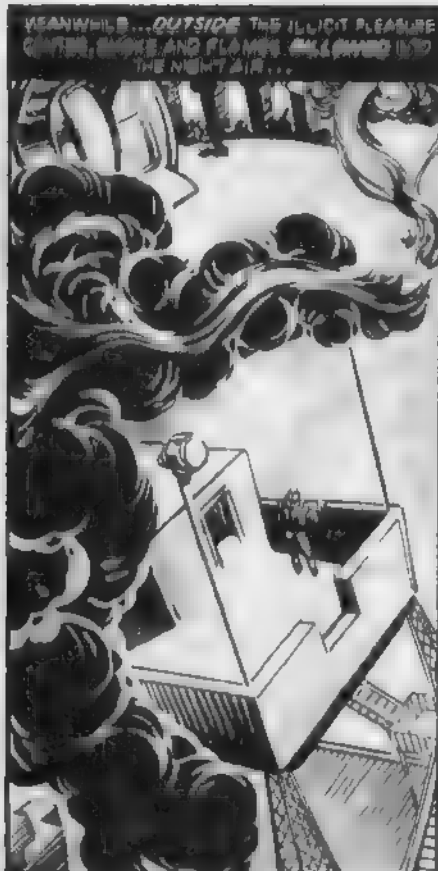
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THE SOUND OF BATTLE, BURNING AND SHOOTING RAGED WITHIN THE CONFUSED COMMANDER. WHOLETON. WHILE SURVIVING THE SENSORY GUARDS, MORE DEADLY SOUNDS OF CONFLICT RAGED.

HEY! THIS ISN'T THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK OUT! THERE'S ONLY TWO OF US... AND ABOUT EIGHT TRILLION OF THEM!

WE'VE GOT TO HOLD OUT JUST A LITTLE LONGER, INSIDE! THE NINJA CALVARY SHOULD BE CHARGING IN ANY SECOND NOW!

SKOW! SKOW! BA-KOW!

ALL I CAN SAY IS... I HOPE THEY GET HERE BEFORE WE DO! BECAUSE THEN WE'LL REALLY HAVE OUR HANDS FULL!

THE ASSAILANTS ARE WITHIN THE LANDING BAY.

WE CAN BURN THEM OUT WITH THE PHOTON CANNON!

THEY DO NOT HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST US!

NO, COMMANDER! LOOK! A WARSHIP!

T...IT HEADS THIS WAY!

DESTROY THE VESSEL! HALT THE ATTACKERS!

W-WE CANNOT! AIEEE!

THEY... ARE NINJA KILLERS!

SLAKKI!

FIVE DEADLY TONG-SUN ASSASSINATING THROUGH THE SENSORIUM GUARDS LIKE HUMAN KILLING MACHINES!

BEHIND YOU, GUARD!

MUCH OBLIGED, NINJA!

THE GUARDS HAVE BEEN STILLED. BUT WHERE IS THE MAJOR?

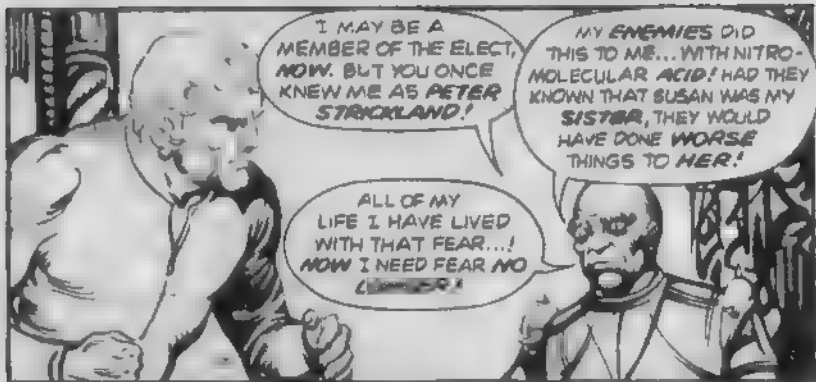
HE'LL BE HERE!

LET US HOPE IT IS SOON! A MANKILLER COMES!





YOU'RE THE ALIEN WHO
SAVED ME FROM THE BORDER
GUARDS WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED
ON PLUTO! BUT... BUT WHY?!
WHY WOULD YOU KILL
SUSAN?



I MAY BE A
MEMBER OF THE ELECT,
NOW. BUT YOU ONCE
KNEW ME AS **PETER
STRICKLAND!**

ALL OF MY
LIFE I HAVE LIVED
WITH THAT FEAR...!
NOW I NEED FEAR NO
ONE!

MY ENEMIES DID
THIS TO ME... WITH NITRO-
MOLECULAR ACID! HAD THEY
KNOWN THAT SUSAN WAS MY
SISTER, THEY WOULD
HAVE DONE WORSE
THINGS TO HER!



YOU BASTARD!
YOU BUTCHER! YOU
KILLED YOUR OWN
SISTER!

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND,
"EMPLETON!"



KRAAK!

I UNDERSTAND
EVERYTHING,
STRICKLAND.

MEN LIKE
US... KILLERS... WE
DON'T NEED WOMEN
DO WE?!



THE WORK WE
DO IS TOO IMPORTANT
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WE'LL COME
ON, KILLER! SHOW ME
HOW IMPORTANT YOUR
WORK IS NOW!

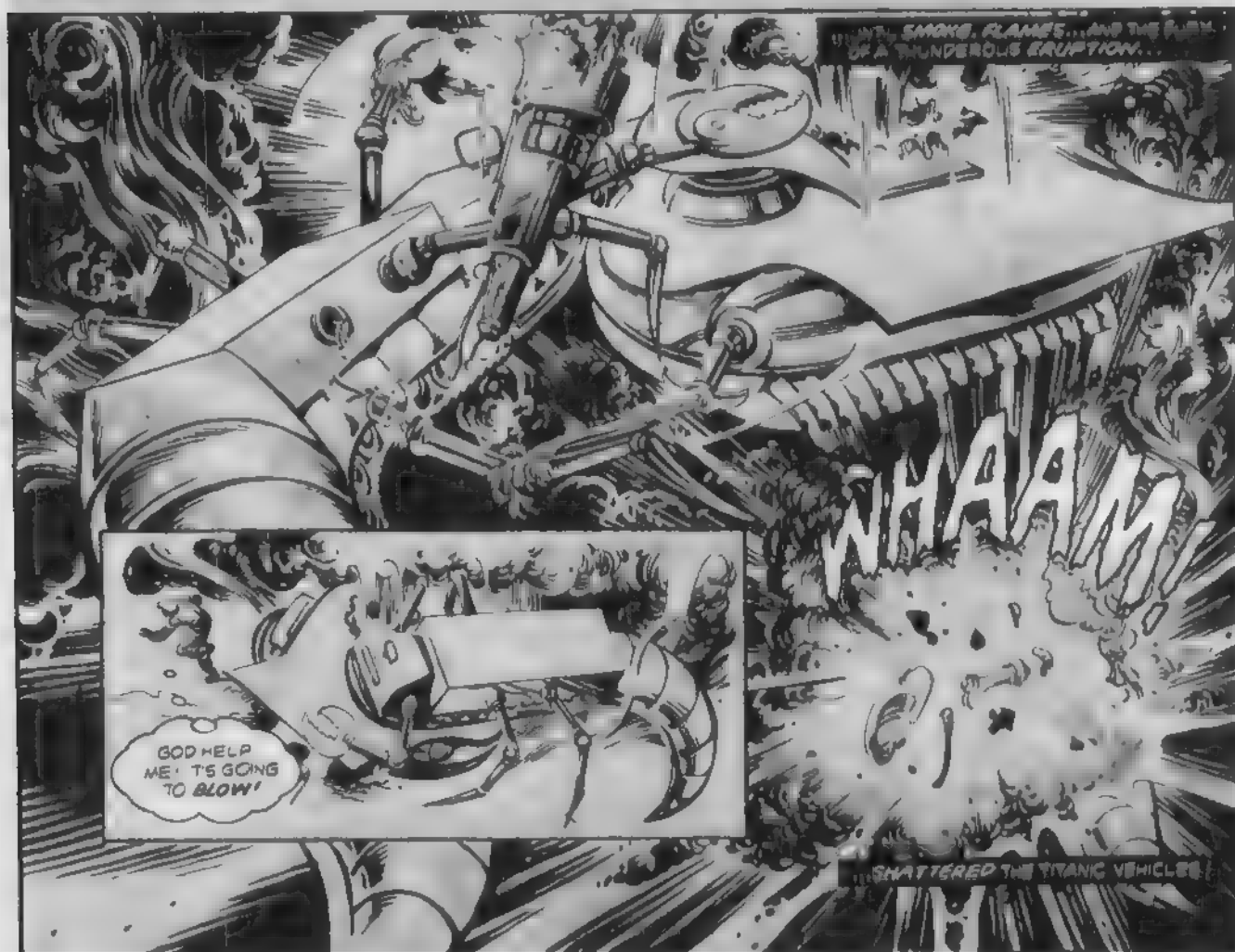
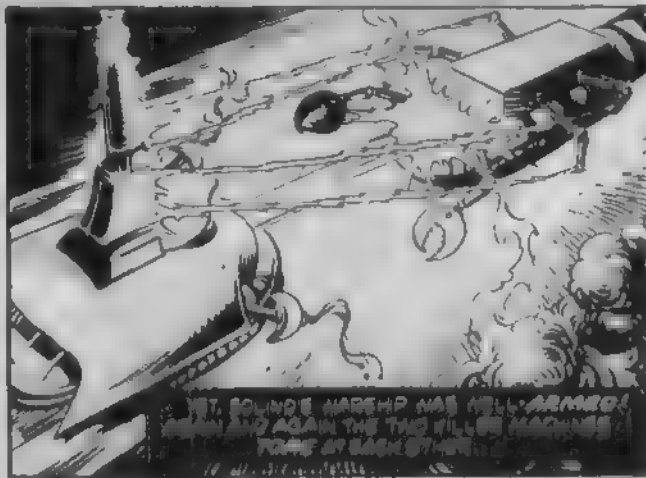
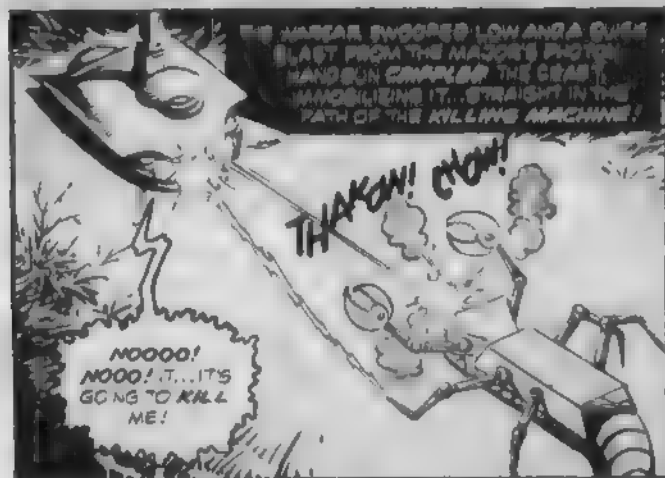
KILL ME,
BUTCHER



COME ON...
KILL ME!!

THE METAL-CLAD ASSASSIN
WENT LIMP... AND LAMAR
KNEW THAT HIS LONG, DEADLY
QUEST WAS AT LAST...
ENDED!







YOU CUT IT CLOSE, MAJOR! TOO DAMNED CLOSE!

OUR JOB IS OVER, QUADE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



NO! WAIT! DON'T LEAVE ME! THE GUARDS... THE MANKILLERS... THEY'LL FINISH ME!

AH, BOLINO! IT'S A LONG WAY TO THE BORDER, MY FRIEND! IF YOU WANT TO RIDE, YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY THE FARE.



YOU KNOW WHAT HE WANTS, BOLINO! GIVE QUADE HIS POSSESSIONS BACK...OR WE'LL THROW YOU TO THOSE GUARDS

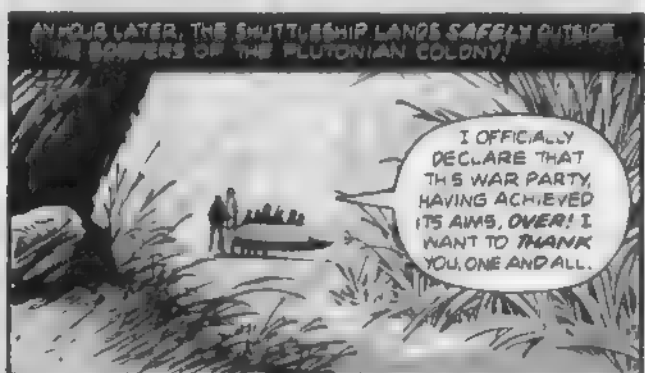
JUST JUST NAME IT!

OKAY! OKAY! ANYTHING...JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE!



NOW THAT WE'RE OUT OF RANGE, I'M SURE YOU WON'T MIND SIGNING THIS LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT, WHICH THE MAJOR HAD ME PREPARE!

YOU...YOU PLANNED THIS ALL ALONG!



AN HOUR LATER, THE SHUTTLESIP LANDS SAFELY OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE PLUTONIAN COLONY!

I OFFICIALLY DECLARE THAT THIS WAR PARTY, HAVING ACHIEVED ITS AIMS, OVER! I WANT TO THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL.

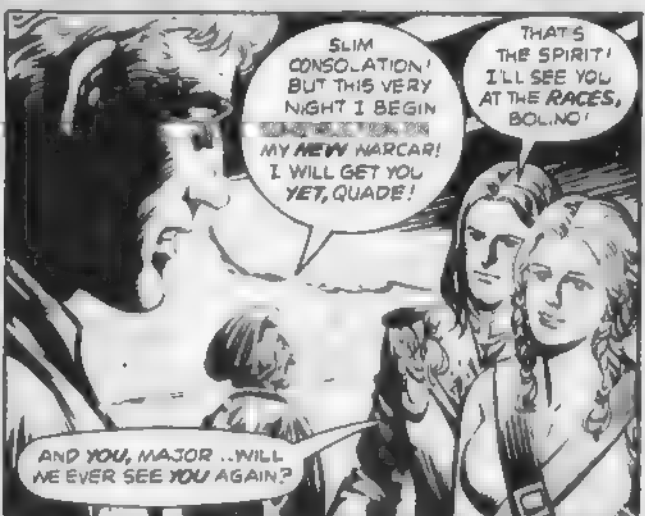


MAJOR, THE PLEASURE WAS ALL OURS!



EACH OF US GOT WHAT HE WANTED, S.R! EVEN BOLINO CAME OUT AHEAD!

HE'LL BE FAMOUS AS THE ONLY MAN EVER TO HAVE KILLED A MANKILLER!



SLIM CONSOLATION! BUT THIS VERY NIGHT I BEGIN MY NEW WARCARE! I WILL GET YOU YET, QUADE!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT! I'LL SEE YOU AT THE RACES, BOLINO!

AND YOU, MAJOR...WILL WE EVER SEE YOU AGAIN?

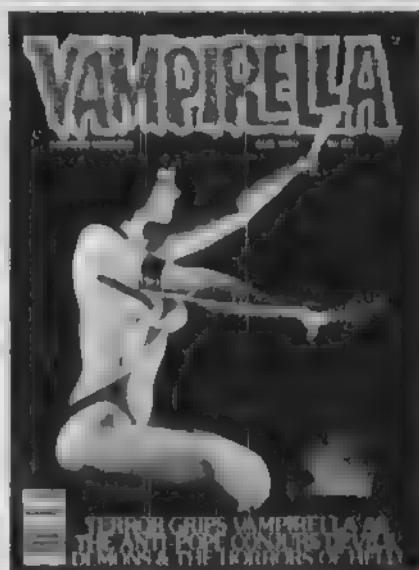


YOU CAN COUNT ON IT, INGR O! THE VERY NEXT TIME I THROW A WAR PARTY!

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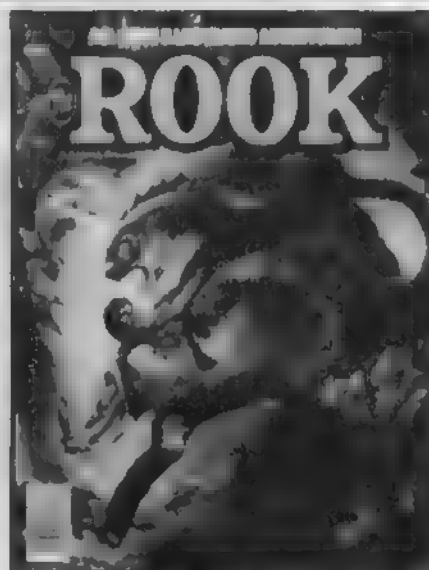
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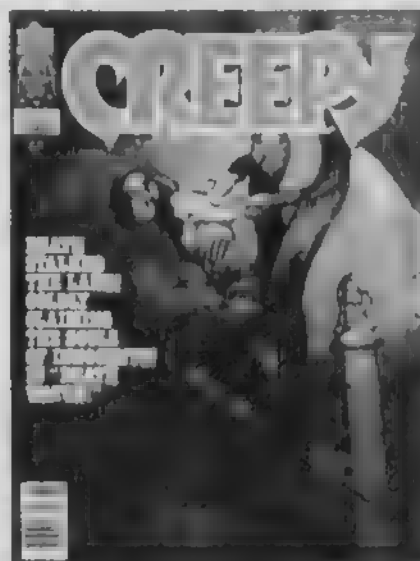
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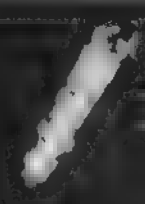
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THE EXECUTIONERS


MAYBE IT WAS A FAILURE OF THE SHIP'S **GUIDANCE SYSTEM**, OR AN ERROR IN THE **CENTRAL COMPUTER**. MAYBE IT WAS **CARELESSNESS** ON THE PART OF THE CREW... OR EVEN A LACK OF **EXPERIENCE**. IT WAS A FACT THAT ALMOST ALL ABOARD THE FREIGHT-CARRYING SHIP WERE **GREENHORNS**.



LISTEN, EVERYBODY!
IT'S BEEN TEN DAYS SINCE ANY OF US HAS HAD ANY **FOOD!** WE CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER!

NO MAN CAN LIVE WITHOUT EATING!

IT HAPPENED BETWEEN **MARS** AND **JUPITER**, AT 3:12 A.M., EARTH TIME. IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT WHEN **DISASTER** STRUCK THE CARGO SHIP "**FRANCIS SPAIGHT**," IN THE FORM OF A GIANT **METEOR**, WHICH SPLIT THE 500 METER VESSEL IN **HALF!**



I SUGGEST WE CONSIDER **THIS**: WHICH IS BETTER... THAT WE **ALL** DIE? OR THAT **ONE** OF US DIES... SO THAT THE OTHERS MIGHT **SURVIVE** UNTIL A RESCUE SHIP ARRIVES?

FOR MORE THAN A WEEK,
THE THIRTEEN SURVIVORS
OF THE TERRIBLE SPACE
DISASTER SOMEHOW
MANAGED TO STAY ALIVE
WITHIN 1990 02
HOURS... DRIFTING IN
SPACE WITH ALMOST NO
HOPE OF RESCUE.

IT WOULD BE AN
ACT OF HEROISM FOR
ONE OF US TO SACRIFICE
HIMSELF!

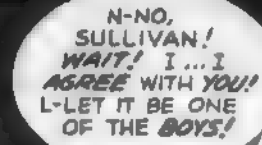
...SO THAT
OTHERS MIGHT...
EAT!

NOW IS THE
TIME TO FIND OUT
WHO AMONG US IS
THE MOST HEROIC.

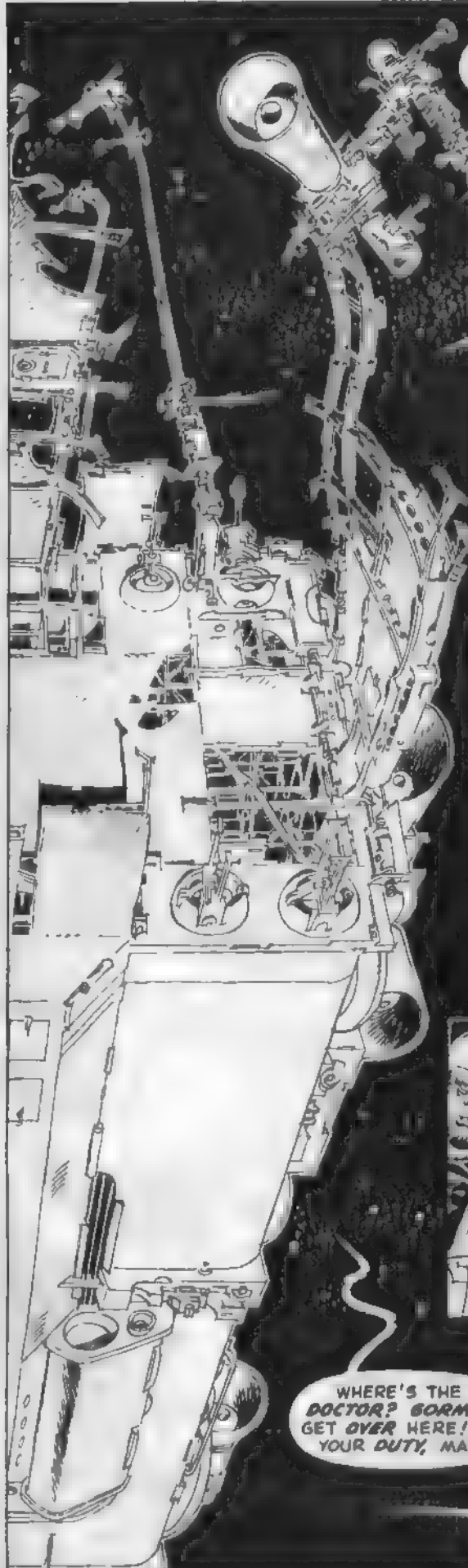
CAPTAIN

AMONG THE SURVIVORS ABOARD
THE "FRANCIS SPAIGHT" WERE
THREE YOUNG SPACE ACADEMY
CADETS SERVING THEIR APPREN-
TICESHIPS. EACH WAS A MERE
FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE!

AS I SEE IT, ONE
OF THESE YOUNG FEL-
LOWS SHOULD DIE! THEY
HAVE NO FAMILIES TO
SUPPORT! THEIR DEATHS
WOULD BE FAR MORE
INCONSEQUENTIAL THAN
ONE OF US WHO HAS
CHILDREN!







GUESS YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE MY WORD, KID!

BUT DON'T YOU FRET, NOW! IT WAS FAIR! WE GAVE EVERYBODY AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. AND YOU LOSE. SIMPLE AS THAT!

HE'S RIGHT, KID! IT'S JUST NOT YOUR LUCKY DAY! YOU'D BETTER PREPARE YOURSELF!

OKAY, WHO WANTS TO DO IT?

W-WAIT... LISTEN! THIS... THIS WON'T GET US ANYWHERE! AFTER YOU'VE EATEN MY BODY, WHAT THEN? WILL YOU EAT DARDEN AND COLLETTI, NEXT... UNTIL THERE AREN'T ANY CADETS LEFT?

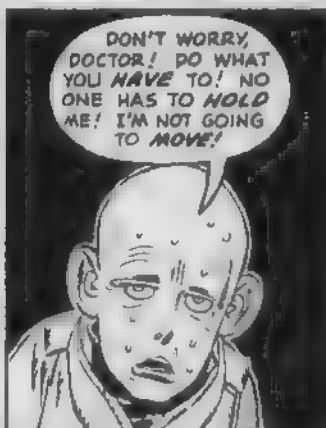
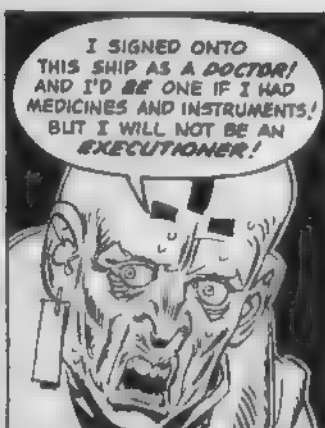
WHO WILL YOU EAT THEN? MAYBE YOU, BEHANE! OR YOU, SULLIVAN!? OR WILL YOU ALL DECIDE TO FRY UP THE CAPTAIN?

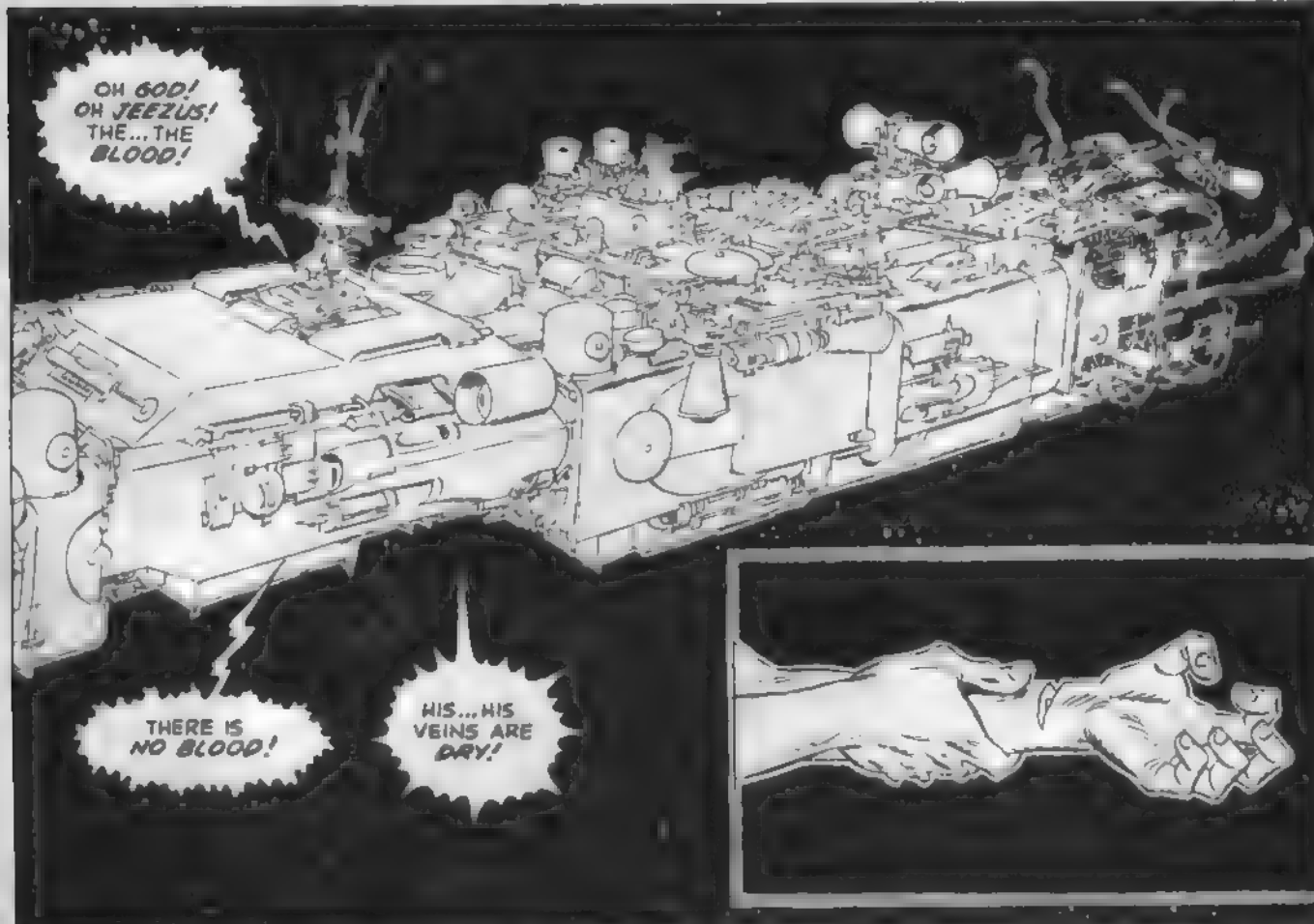
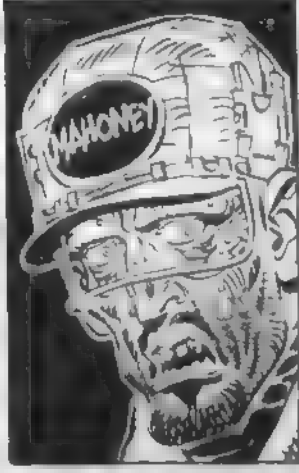
M-MAYBE THERE'S NO NEED FOR ANY OF THIS! RESCUE SHIPS ARE PROBABLY OUT THERE LOOKING FOR US RIGHT NOW! THEY KNOW OUR LAST COORDINATES! THEY'LL FIND US! I KNOW THEY WILL! MAYBE TOMORROW... OR MAYBE EVEN IN A COUPLE OF HOURS!

WHERE'S THE DOCTOR? GORMAN, GET OVER HERE! DO YOUR DUTY, MAN!

BRING A POT OR SOMETHING SO WE DON'T SPILL HIS BLOOD ALL OVER THE PLACE!

NOOOOOO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS! YOU... YOU CAN'T!

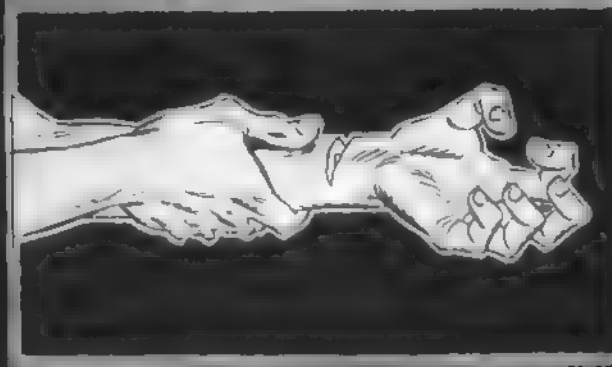




OH GOD!
OH JEEZUS!
THE... THE BLOOD!

THERE IS NO BLOOD!

HIS... HIS VEINS ARE DRY!





WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON HERE? WHY ISN'T O'BRIEN BLEEDING?

N-NO BLOOD... NO BLOOD!?



THIS IS A WARNING... AN OMEN! WE...WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE THE BOY ALONE! IT...IT'S DIVINE INTERVENTION!



LIKE HELL IT IS! TRY THE OTHER ARM, DOCTOR! CUT HIS ELBOW! IT'S CLOSER TO THE HEART!



G-GIVE ME THE KNIFE, GORMAN! I... I'LL DO IT!



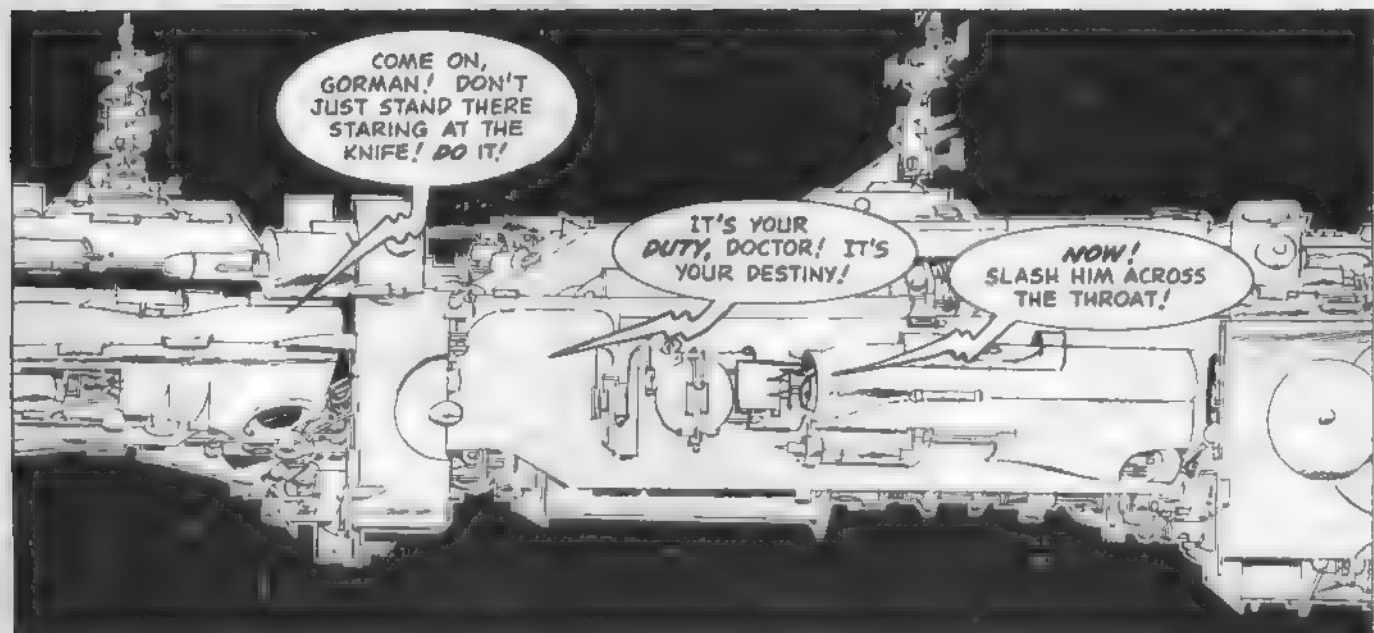
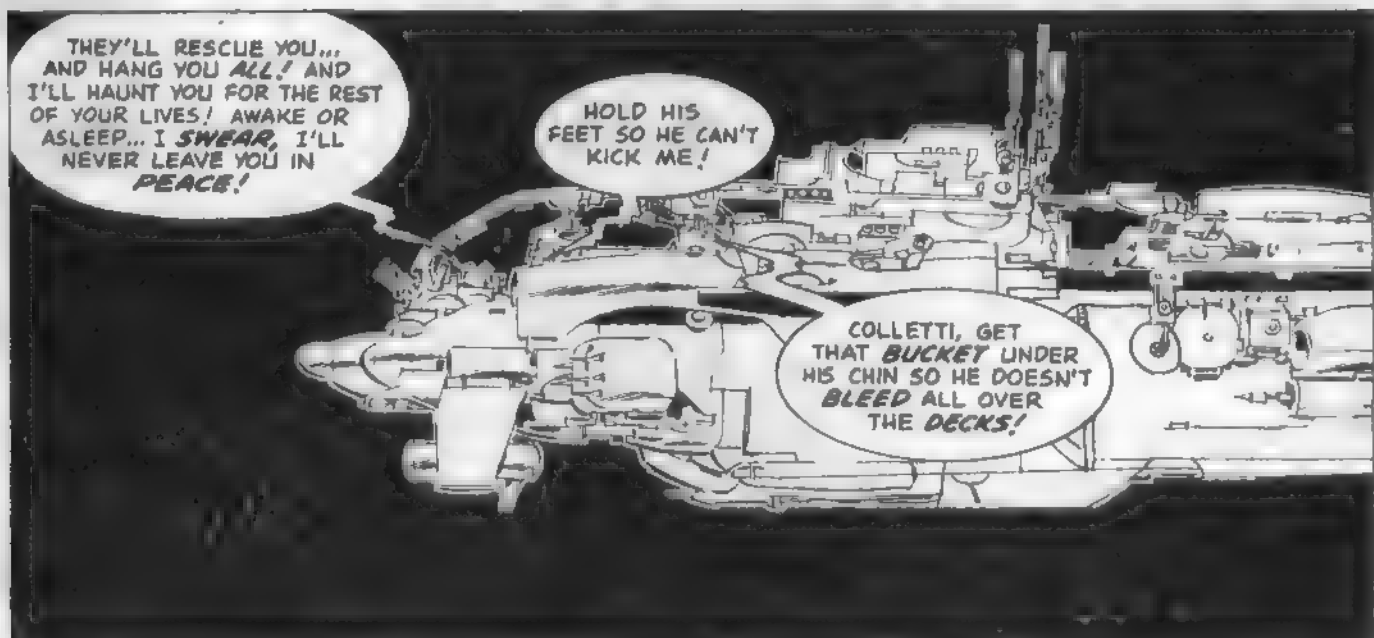
HE...HE DOESN'T BLEED!

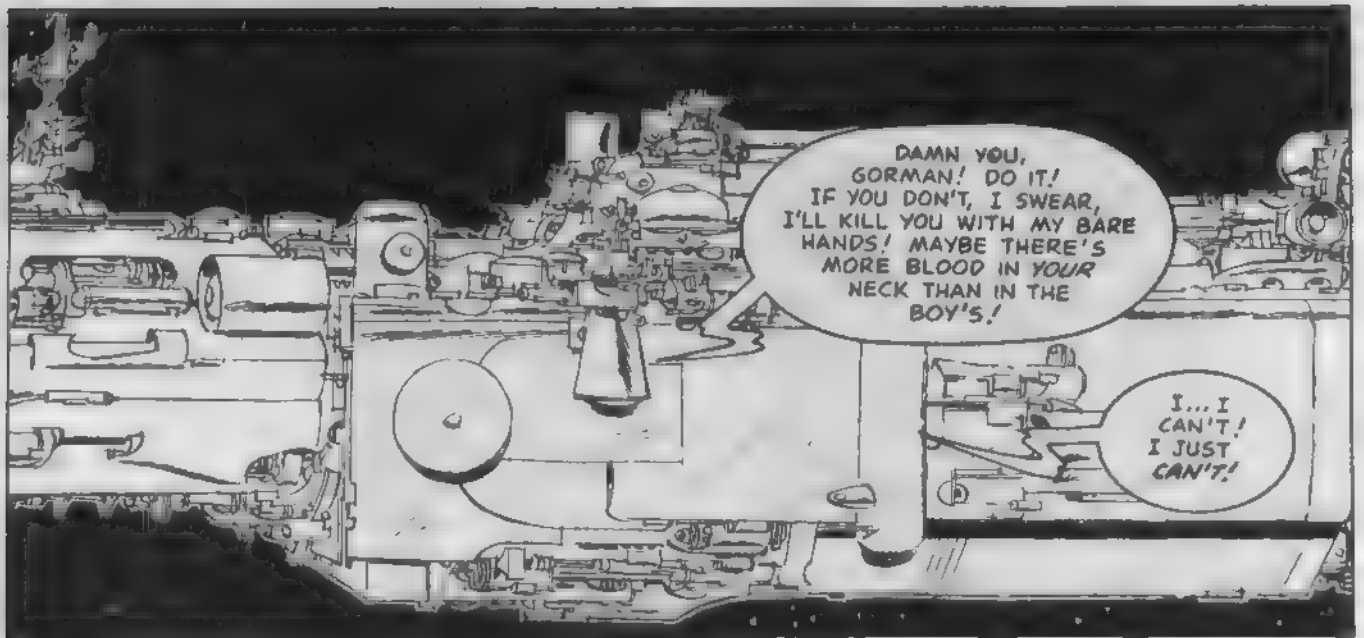
DAMN IT! HE'LL BLEED WHEN I SLIT HIS BLOODY THROAT!



N-NO...! PLEASE! DON'T DO IT! DON'T KILL ME!

Y-YOU WON'T FIND ANY BLOOD IN MY VEINS! I...I KNOW IT! I...I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT ANYMORE THAN YOU CAN! M-MAYBE IT IS A MIRACLE OF SORTS! ALL I KNOW IS... I...I DON'T WANT TO DIE!





DAMN YOU,
GORMAN! DO IT!
IF YOU DON'T, I SWEAR,
I'LL KILL YOU WITH MY BARE
HANDS! MAYBE THERE'S
MORE BLOOD IN YOUR
NECK THAN IN THE
BOY'S!

I... I
CAN'T!
I JUST
CAN'T!



DAMN YOUR KIND,
GORMAN! GIVE ME THAT
GOD DAMNED KNIFE! I'LL
SHOW YOU HOW TO DO
IT! IT'S DONE!

NO, WAIT, SULLIVAN!
LET... LET ME! AT LEAST I
CAN MAKE IT QUICK AND PAIN-
LESS FOR THE BOY!

ALL RIGHT,
DOCTOR, YOUR
LAST CHANCE!





AAAAAAAAAAAAAR!



LET'S GO, GORMAN!
WHAT THE HELL ARE
YOU WAITING FOR? SLIKE
UP THE BODY! WE'RE
HUNGRY!

L-LEAVE HIM ALONE, YOU
DAMNED *BUTCHERS*! L-LEAVE
THE BOY *BE*!

I...I WARNED YOU! YOU
SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO *ME*!
WE DON'T NEED HIM ANY MORE!
DON'T YOU SEE? NONE OF US
WILL DRINK HIS BLOOD! NONE
OF US WILL EAT HIS
FLESH!

THIS... ALL OF
IT... HAS BEEN FOR
NOTHING!





HAXTUR

PANTHERS, WOLVES and DEATH!



HIS NAME IS **HAXTUR**. HE KNOWS LITTLE MORE THAN THAT HE REMEMBERS A TIME, **EDON'S AGE**, WHEN HE WAS A **WARRIOR**...A **MERCENARY**, FIGHTING WARS FOR **MONEY** WHILE CLOSING HIS EYES TO **PRINCIPLES** AND **DEATHS**.

HE RECALLS **PAIN**. EXCRUCIATING PAIN...AND THE GREAT ALL-ENCOMPASSING, SMOTHERING **BLACKNESS**!

AND HE RECALLS WAKING IN **THIS** WORLD... WHERE THE IMPOSSIBLE IS PROBABLE...AND LIFE IS **CHEAPER** THAN A **MERCENARY'S** DREAM!





YOU ARE A WARRIOR, ARE YOU NOT? I NEED YOU ALIVE!

I MUST ACCOMPLISH A DANGEROUS TASK, AND I THINK YOU CAN HELP ME!



HELP YOU? WHAT FOR? YOUR PANTHER COULD HAVE KILLED ME! LET HIM HELP YOU IN YOUR FLIGHT!

AT LEAST HEAR ME! IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I REACH THE BLACK STONE!

BUT I AM ALONE AND THESE LANDS ARE DANGEROUS!



YOU ARE STRONG AND YOU ARE ARMED! YOU AND GAAH CAN PROTECT ME! OTHERWISE I WILL FAIL...AND MY PEOPLE WILL REMAIN SUBJUGATED FOREVER!



I SEE! SO YOU'RE ON A SELF-APPOINTED CRUSADE TO FREE YOUR PEOPLE FROM SLAVERY! AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS REACH THIS "BLACK STONE" AND THEY'LL ALL MIRACULOUSLY BECOME FREE MEN!

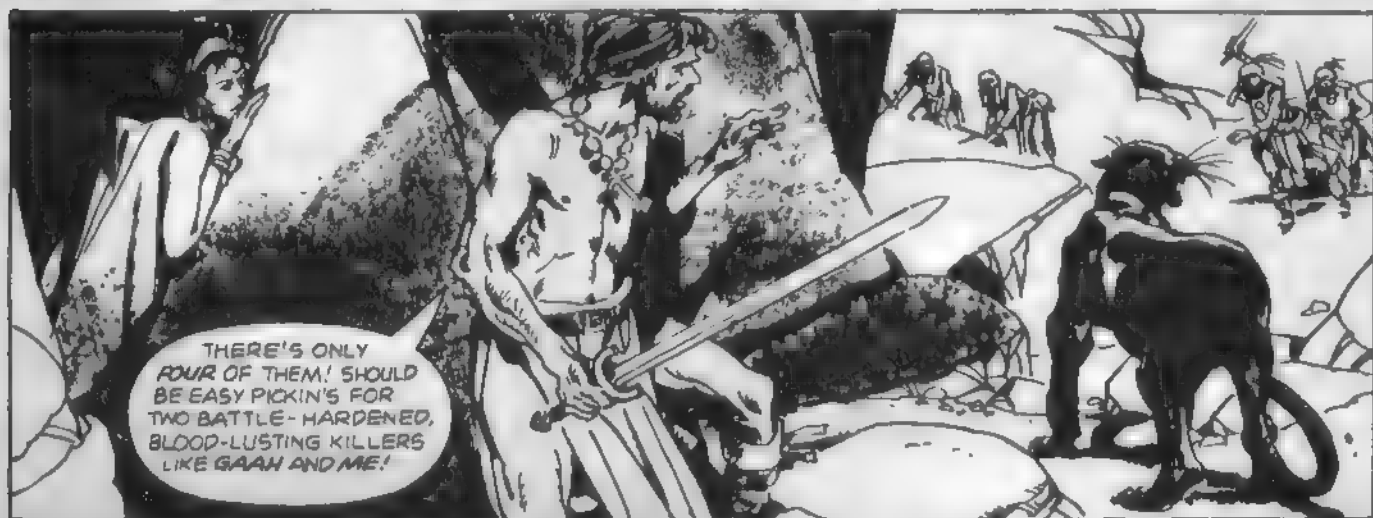
DO NOT MOCK ME, WARRIOR! IT IS ALL TRUE! MY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY THE RANNS SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL!

PHYSICALLY, WE OUTNUMBER AND ARE STRONGER THAN THE RANN WARRIORS! BUT OUR LAWS DENOUNCE VIOLENCE AND FORBID US TO OVERTHROW THOSE WHO SUBJUGATE US!

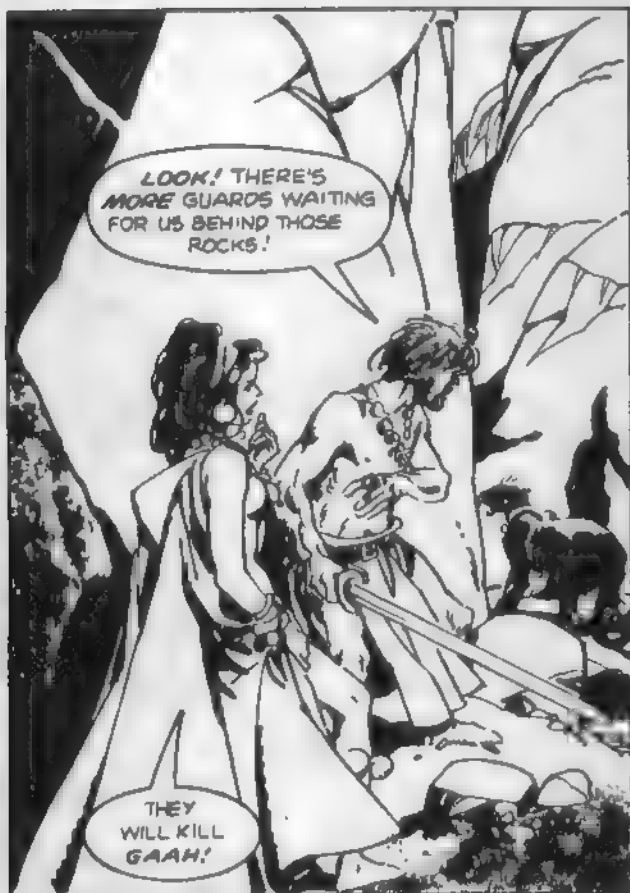


BUT THOSE LAWS ARE FALSE! THE TRUE LAW IS ENGRAVED UPON THE BLACK STONE! AND THE RANNS GUARD THE STONE JEALOUSLY! THEY DO NOT WANT MY PEOPLE TO KNOW THE TRUTH...OUR TRUE HERITAGE!

THE RANNS WANT TO KEEP THE LAWS SECRET SO MY PEOPLE WILL REMAIN DOG IN THEIR MANTLES OF SLAVERY!









BUT SHE HAS BEEN HURT! LOOK! SHE CANNOT WALK! WE WILL HAVE TO CARE FOR HER HERE!



WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT? THE FREEDOM OF YOUR PEOPLE... OR THE WELL-BEING OF THIS PANTHER?

YOU HAVE TO GO ON! DON'T WORRY ABOUT GAAH! WE'LL PUT HER IN A SAFE PLACE... AND YOU CAN COME BACK FOR HER LATER!



THERE IS THE BLACK STONE NOW! AND THERE'S NOT A SINGLE RANN IN SIGHT!

IT COST A COUPLE OF LIVES GETTING HERE! AND I'M SURE THE BLOOD-SHED ISN'T OVER YET!

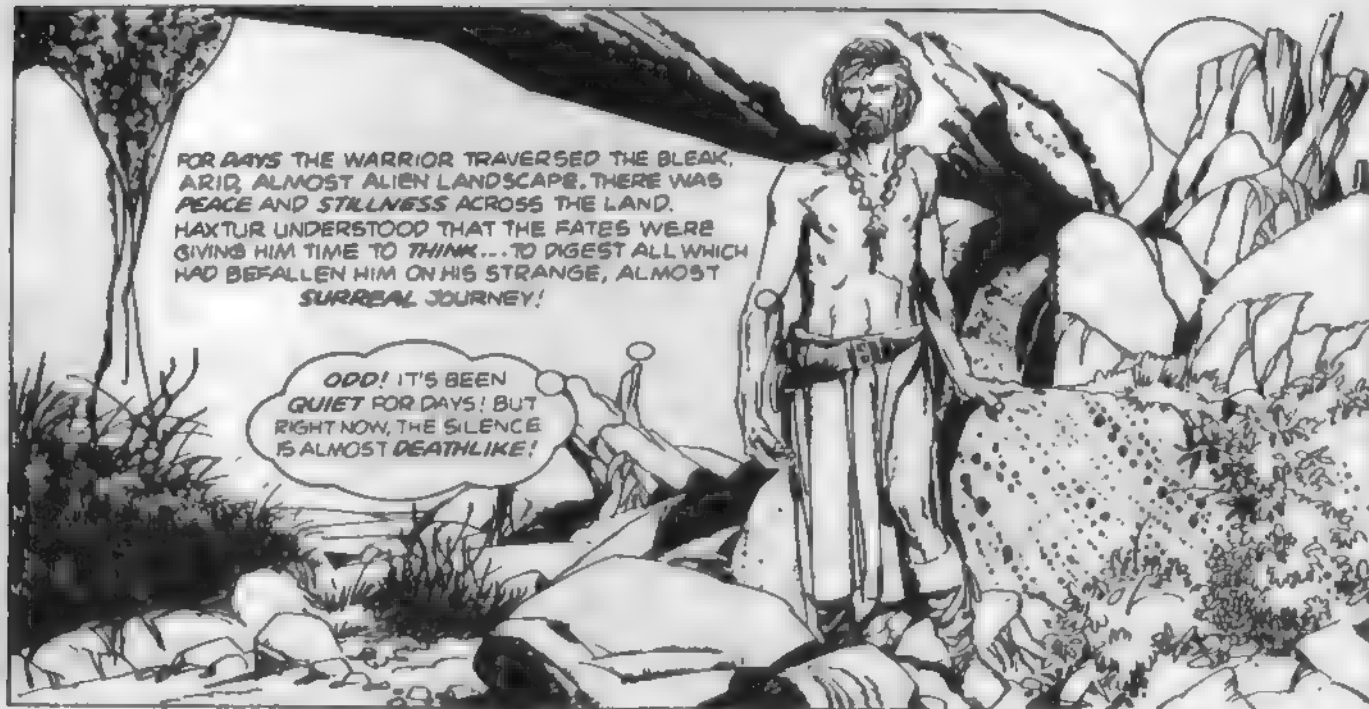
ONCE I HAVE TRANSLATED THE LAWS INSCRIBED UPON THE STONE, MY PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT THEY MUST CAST-OFF THEIR MANACLES OF SLAVERY AND DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST ANY RACE, NO MATTER HOW SUPERIOR THEY MAY SEEM TO BE!



I HOPE YOU ACHIEVE THE FREEDOM YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR, SWEETHEART! AS FOR ME... I'VE GOT A SEARCH OF MY OWN TO CONTINUE!

I WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND HELP, WARRIOR! AND I, TOO, HOPE YOU FIND THAT WHICH YOU SEEK!







WITH THOSE FANGS,
THEY COULD RIP ME TO
PIECES! WHY DON'T THEY
JUST LUNGE AND BE
DONE WITH IT!



UH OH!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO
GET YOUR WISH,
MAXTUR, OLD BOY!
HERE THEY
COME!



NO! THEY
...THEY'RE
TRYING TO TAKE
ME PRISONER!



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!



THEY'RE
LEADING ME
SOMEWHERE! BUT
WHAT FOR? IF THEY'D
WANTED TO KILL ME
THEY WOULD HAVE
DONE IT
ALREADY!







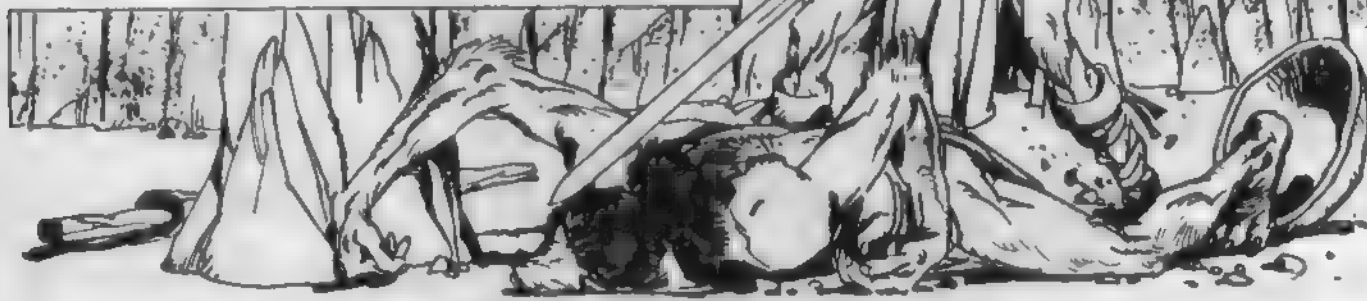


AGHHH!
HEY! WHAT'S
THE BIG IDEA?

Y-YOU'RE TRYING
TO KILL ME!



UNGRATEFUL
DEVIL! I SHOULD'VE
LET THE WOLF PACK
FINISH YOU!



NOW WHAT?
DO I HAVE TO TAKE
ON THE OTHER WOLF
CREATURES AS
WELL?



GOOD GOD! THEY'RE
THROWING DOWN THEIR
CLUBS IN DEFEAT!

THIS BLACK-
MANED BRUTE
MUST'VE BEEN
THEIR LEADER!
AND NOT A VERY
LOVED ONE AT THAT
...WHICH IS WHY
THEY TRIED TO
FINISH HIM WHEN
I DIDN'T!



BUT IF THEY THINK
I'M GOING TO STICK
AROUND TO TAKE HIS
PLACE... THEY CAN
JUST LOOK ELSE-
WHERE!

THIS OLD
BOY'S GOT
BETTER THINGS
TO DO THAN PLAY
"LEADER OF THE
PACK!"

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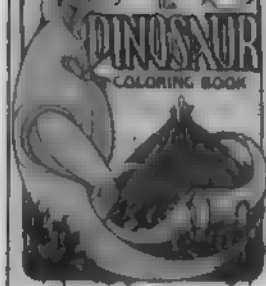
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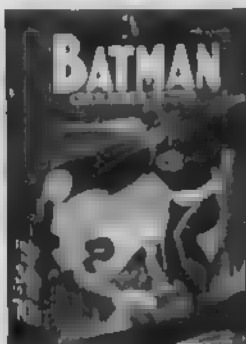
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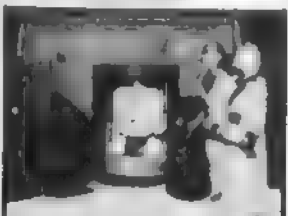
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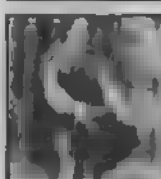
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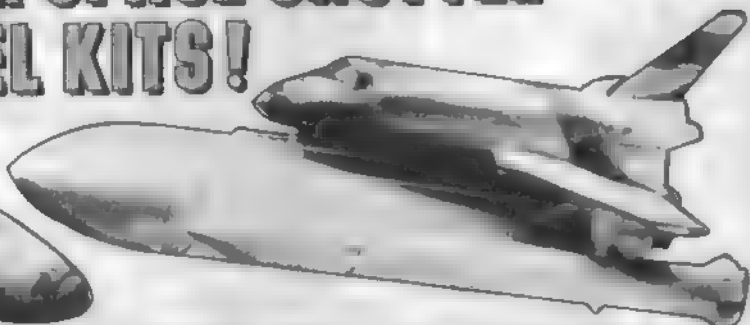
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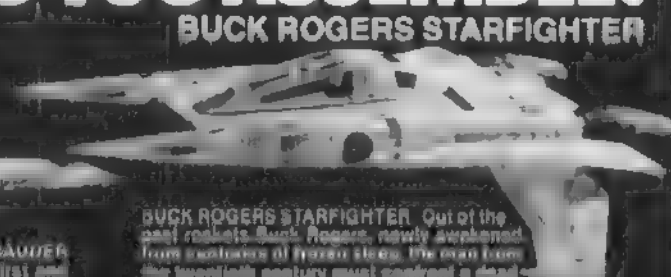
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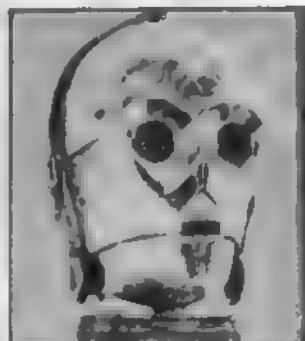


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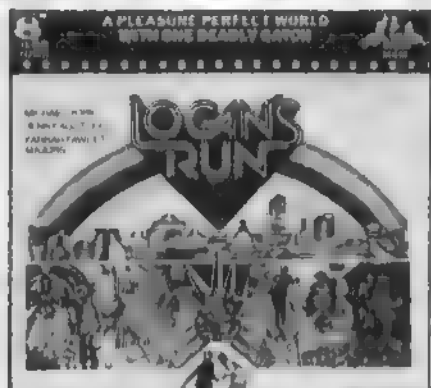
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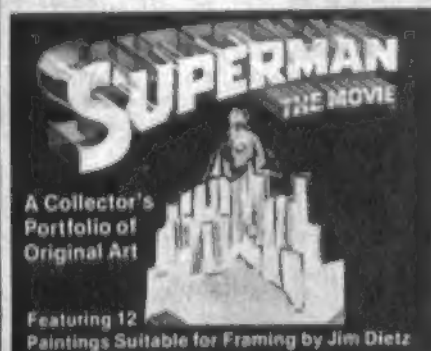


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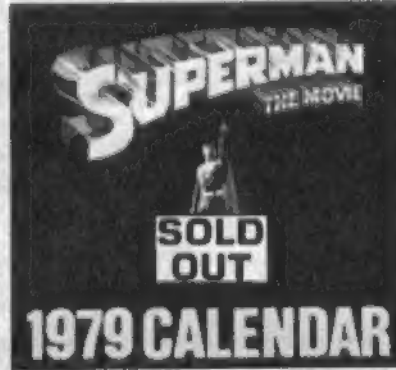
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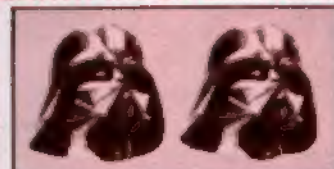
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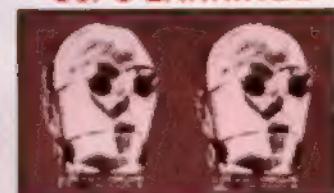
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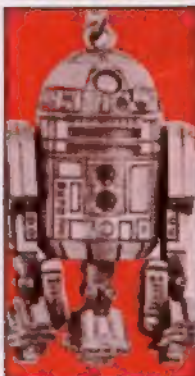
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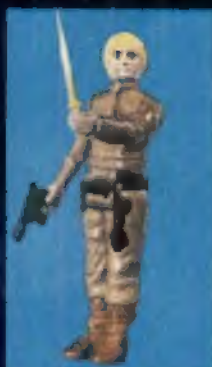
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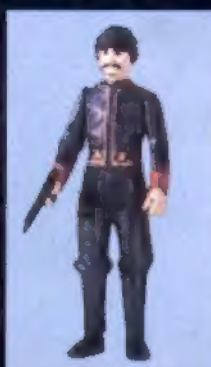
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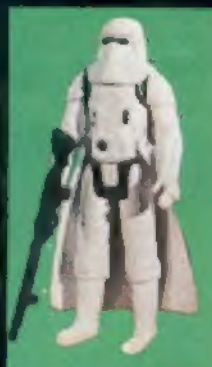
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